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# CORONER'S INQUESTS

From Coroners Inquests, Secretary of State Papers, S. S. 316, NC Archives. Transcribed and contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## Inquest on Michael WARD, 1764

North Carolina Pitt County} Inquisition indented taken at the house of of the Sd michal WARD in the County a fore Said on the 2 day of January in the year of our Lord 1764 be fore me Abraham TISON Esq one of the Coroner of the Sd County upon view of the body of the michal WARD Late of the Said County then and there lying dead and upon the oaths of James LANIER Richard ALLEN Samuel STOKES Benja ELLIS Henry ELLIS Malachi DICKINSON Thos. MOORE Nathan MORE Wm. MOORE Timothy HARRIS Abraham PETTYPOOLE James BAGGETT Good and Lawfull men of the Parrish of St. Michaels in the Sd. County of North Carolina Who being Charged and Sworn to Enquire how and in what manner the Sd michael WARD by his Death came upon their oaths do say that on the first Day of February in year 1764 at the place aforesaid Did die by Sickness the Juriors aforesaid in Testimony as well I the Sd Coroner as the Juriors aforesaid their Inquisition have severally put our hands and Seals the Day year and place first above mentioned

Thos. [his T mark] Moore

Nathan MOORE

Wm. [his W mark] MOORE

Timothy [his TH mark] HARRIS

Abeham PETTIPOOL

James [his mark] BAGGETT

James LANIER

Richd ALLEN

Saml. STOKES

Henry ELLIS

Malachi DICKINSON

Abraham TISON Coroner



## Inquest on John SHANNON, 1764

North Carolina Pitt County} Inquisition indented taken at the house of John SHANNON desest in the County a fore Said on the 20 day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred Sixty four before me Abraham TISON Esq Coroner of the Said County upon view of the body of John SHANNON Late of the Said County then and there lying Dead and upon the oath James LENEARE henry ELLES benjamin ELLES John TISON Wm. STAFFORD John WILLIAMS John FULFORD Phillup RYLAND George BLAND Samuel TRUSS Aron TISON Thomas GOFF Lawfull men of the parish of St Michaels in the sd County of North Carolina we being Charged & Sworn to enquire how and in what manner the D John SHANNON by his death came upon there oaths do Say that on the 29 day of december in the year 1763 accedently got drowned in tar River by a Craft Sinking Jurors a fore Said in Testemoney as well as I the Sd Coroner & the Jurors a fore Sd this Inquisition have Seveally put our hand and Seals this 20 day of February 1764

John FULLFORD

Philip [his mark] RYLAND

George BLAND

Saml. [his mark] TRUSS

Aaron TISON

Thos [his mark] GOFF

Abraham TISON Coroner

James LANIER

Henry ELLIS

Benja ELLIS

John TISON

Wm STAFFORD

John WILLIAMS



## Inquest on Thomas TRAVIS, 1766

North Carolina Pitt County May 10th Day 1766 Inquisition Indented taken at Thomas TRAVIS in the year of our Lord 1766 be fore me John TISON one of the Coroner of the Said County upon View of the Body of Thomas TRAVIS Then and there lying Dead and upon the oaths of Sary TRAVIS Wife of the Deseased and William CANNON Good and Lawfull People of the parrish of Saint Mikels parrish and Pitt County now



being Charged & Sworn to enquire How and in what maner the Sd Thomas TRAVIS by his Death Came upon Their oath do Say on the 9 day of may In the year and at the place afore Sd When She Went to him he did Seem Have? his Gand She acts Him how he did Com to his Eand or hort he Said that He Was a guine Rownd a Littel or Sapplen and the Tricker of the Gun Struck the Sd Sapplen or tree William CANNON When he came Trvis he was a Liin on his Back Seming Near his Eand Speechless and Seemed as if a Lode of a Gun was Shot thru The Said Traves and the gun Stud by in order as she Was Shot off The jurors Doth Say that the Thomas TRAVIS Deth Came by Accedent in Testimony Whereof as Well I the Said Coroner as the Jurors afore Said to This Inquisition have Severely put our Seals the Day year and Place first above mented

Richard BARROW  
George TISON  
Moses TISON  
Benja. BARROW  
William [his mark] CANNON  
George BLAND  
George [his D mar] DIKES Juner

John TISON Coroner  
Benjan MAY  
William [his mark] WILSON  
Edward [E] CANNON  
Dennis [his mark] CANNON



### Inquest on John WALKER, 1769

No. Carolina Pitt County} An Inquisition Called upon the Body of John WALKER Late of the County Afosd. Labouror Taken up Out of Tarr River Drowned Called by John SIMPSON One of the Justices for sd. County & Jurymen Summond. Vz. James CRAWFORD Zach. PINKET Henry HODGES Howell HODGES Samuel POINER James LITTLE John LITTLE Robert HODGES John HODGES Mathew HODGES David PERKINS George LITTLE

John TILDESLY being Sworn Declares That he Together with David CONGLETION & the Deceasd Coming Down Tarr River in a Cannoe On the 29th Inst. he Judgd. by one of Oars Catch & Water Backwards the Cannoe Over sett (the Deceasd. & David CONGLETION both Appears to have to be Disguisd. by Liquor)

Jury Swore Agreeable to Law On Oath Say, That John Walker the person above Mentiond. Came by his Death by the Oversatting the Cannoe as pr Evidence And As to his Estate They Know of Nothing Valuable belonging to him he being by Common Report a poor Labouring Man

In Wittness Whereof We have hereunto Sett Our hand Seals September 30, 1769

James CRAWFORD  
Matw. HODGES  
James LITTEL  
Samuel POYNER  
Howell HODGES  
Jon LITLE

Robert HODGES  
Zacharh PINKETT  
Georg LITTEL  
John HODGES  
Henry HODGES  
David PERKINS

## MARCUS STOKES FAMILY NAME CHANGE, 1794

Taken from the NC General Assembly Session Records, Dec. 1794-Feb. 1795, Petitions, NC Archives.  
Transcribed and contributed by Roger Kammerer.

To the Honble. the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The Petition of Marcus STOKES of Pitt County Shewth that he hath four Ilegitimate children by the names of Marcus BARROW Joel BARROW Alpha BARROW & Lydia BARROW Which he desires may be altered to those of Marcus STOKES Joel STOKES Alpha STOKES & Lydia STOKES. He Therefore prays your Honorable body will pass a Law for the above purpose & as in duty bound & ec.

Pitt County 30th Decr 1794

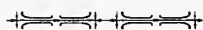
Marcus STOKES





# REV. WAR PENSION, HENRY TYSON

Pension Records located at National Archives, Washington, DC. Abstracted and contributed by Roger Kammerer.



**Deposition of Samuel VINES**, age 71, before Marshall DICKINSON, J. P. of Pitt County, March 25, 1846. Samuel VINES says that when he was about 14 years old his father put him on a farm with a few hands to take care of himself, about eight miles west of "Greeneville, Pitt County." Vines remained there until the latter part of 1802, when he moved to where he now lives further west. When Vines lived on his first farm he knew Henry TYSON, a Revolutionary War soldier, and Sarah his wife, because they lived nearby. Vines knew them as husband and wife and they had several children. They had a son Edmund TYSON, who was "rather deformed", who was then about the age of 8 or 10 and who died before fully grown. They had another son, Abner TYSON, who was born after Edmund, and some years later they had a daughter who married later to Arden NICHOLS. The daughter was born after Vines left the neighborhood. Vines recalls hearing of Henry TYSON losing other children besides those he already named. Vines did not know of any person then living in the neighborhood old enough to have been a witness to the marriage of Henry Tyson to Sarah, unless that person was a mere child at the time.

Saml VINES

**Deposition of Ruthy NORRIS**, age 68, nearly 69, before Marshall DICKINSON, J. P. of Pitt County, March 25, 1846.

Ruthy NORRIS says that Henry Tyson and Sarah were married long before she knew them and always understood they were married about the time she was born. Ruthy was married in her seventeenth year to John NORRIS, brother of Sarah TYSON. Sarah TYSON and her son, Edmund TYSON, aged about 15, were present at Ruthy Norris' wedding. Edmund TYSON died soon after. At that time, Henry and Sarah TYSON had another son named Abner TYSON who was about 8 or 10 years old. Ruthy was somewhat acquainted with the Henry TYSON family five or six years before her marriage, when they had four or five children living. Ruthy remembers James, John, Edmund and Abner TYSON. John or James TYSON was larger and older than Ruthy. After Ruthy's marriage she understood from the family that besides the children already named, there was a girl named Polly TYSON, who died an infant. There was also a son, born between Edmund and Abner and a son William TYSON, born after Abner, who both died young. Ruthy heard that a child was born while Henry TYSON was in the army, but doesn't recollect which one it was. She also heard that Polly TYSON was the first born child. All the TYSON children died before being fully grown except Abner TYSON. Sarah TYSON had no more children after William for ten or twelve years and then she had a girl named Edy TYSON, now the wife of Arden NICHOLS. Not more than a year after the birth of Edy, Henry TYSON died and Sarah TYSON and her two children moved further away and Ruthy did not see much of them anymore. Ruthy heard that Abner TYSON, who was weakly and infirm, lived a long time in the Poor House and died there some years before. All of the Henry TYSON family is dead except Edy NICHOLS. Ruthy NORRIS further states that Henry TYSON and his wife lived in the same house with Ruthy and her husband for a short time and heard Henry TYSON talk about fighting in the war, of being in nine States while being a soldier and returning home. Sarah TYSON complained that she had to work hard for their support since she got little help from him. Sarah said " she never seen a brass farthing for all the fighting he boasted of." Henry Tyson agreed saying he never anything himself except victuals and clothes and hardly that. Ruthy doesn't remember the year Henry TYSON died or his age, but believes he was as much as fifty years old when he died. Sarah TYSON, age unknown, remained a widow and died the summer before last. Just before the death of John NORRIS, he stated he was 81 years old and Ruthy understood from the him and the family that Sarah NORRIS was the oldest and his brother, Henry NORRIS was next and John NORRIS was the youngest. John NORRIS died three years ago last fall and spoke of Sarah Norris marrying young.

Ruthy [her mark] NORRIS

**Deposition of John JOINER**, age 66, before Marshall DICKINSON, J. P. of Pitt County, April 29, 1846.

John JOINER states that he knew Henry and Sarah TYSON and believes him to be the same Henry TYSON who served 3 years in the Revolution. John JOINER knew Henry TYSON when he was older and



pale and did little work. His wife Sarah was a hard working woman. JOINER thinks Henry TYSON died in 1803 or 1804, being over 50 years old at his death. JOINER believed there was no record kept of the ages of Henry and Sarah TYSON'S family. JOINER recollects only two children of Henry and Sarah TYSON, being Abner and Edy, but understood that there were other children who had all died.

John JOINER

**Deposition of Isaac JOINER**, age 54, before Marshall DICKINSON, J. P. of Pitt County, April 29, 1846. Isaac JOINER states that when he was a small boy he was acquainted with Henry TYSON, a Revolutionary War soldier, and his wife Sarah and they lived about two and a half miles from his fathers. When Isaac JOINER was about ten years old, Henry TYSON and his son Abner came to his fathers house for a visit. JOINER recollects that Henry TYSON saying he had lost all his children except Abner. Abner was about 4 or 5 years older than JOINER but was "puny." Henry TYSON died a few years after this visit in the latter part of 1803 or the early part of 1804. Henry TYSON had another child before his death named Edy, who is now the wife of Arden NICHOLS. Joiner believed that Henry and Sarah married before or during his military service. The fact of his being a soldier of the Revolution was "notorious".

Isaac JOYNER

State of North Carolina} Pitt County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1846

**Deposition in open court of Arden NICHOLS**, age 40, before the Justices of Pitt County, May 6, 1846. Arden Nichols of Pitt County made the following deposition in order to obtain benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 granting pensions to widows of soldiers of the Revolution. He claims a right to the pension by his marriage to Edy TYSON, only surviving child and heir of Sarah TYSON, the widow of Henry TYSON, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Henry TYSON, as Arden NICHOLS had been informed, served in the NC Continental Line for the term of three years, one month and twenty one days. The first portion of his term TYSON served as a corporal in Capt. ALDERSON'S Company, of the 5th regiment. The remainder of his term, TYSON was a private, as appeared in the muster rolls in the office of the NC Secretary of State. Henry TYSON died in 1803 or 1804, leaving his widow Sarah and a son named Abner TYSON and a daughter Edy TYSON, his only living children. Arden NICHOLS says he married Edy TYSON in January 1830 and that Abner TYSON died in the Pitt County poorhouse some four or five years previous. Arden NICHOLS believed he was entitled by law to the pension of Mrs. Sarah TYSON by virtue of his marriage to Edy TYSON. Nichols stated that there were no public or family record of the marriage of Henry TYSON and Sarah or the births of their children. From conversations with family relations, NICHOLS believed that Henry TYSON and Sarah were married before he went into service, or before the end of it. That Henry and Sarah had five children before having Abner and that Abner would be about 60 years old if he were living. NICHOLS was unable to find anyone living who was present at the marriage of Henry and Sarah TYSON. Sarah had four brothers, two who were younger than Sarah were presumed to have been present at the wedding, but are now dead. The last brother dying more than three years previous. NICHOLS heard Sarah TYSON give her age numerous times and at this time she would be between 87 and 88 years old. Sarah stated she was married when she was 17 years old. Arden NICHOLS stated that Sarah TYSON lived with him, with the exception of a few weeks, from the time of his marriage to her death. During the first two years she could get around, but she had no property and NICHOLS had to support her. The last eight years of her life Sarah TYSON was helpless, she having to be moved around the house, her food to be cut up and fed to her. Sarah TYSON died at Arden NICHOLS house on the evening of August 1, 1844. She never remarried and remained the widow of Henry TYSON. Arden NICHOLS declares that he is a poor man and has seven children now alive, one a cripple, and he and his wife have had a hard struggle to support the family. NICHOLS had always been afflicted with partial blindness and is now almost blind. His state of sight kept him at home and his mother-in-law health kept them both ignorant of the Pension Laws. A short time before her death, NICHOLS heard a "flying rumour" that widows of Revolutionary War soldiers were allowed pensions. He told his wife about it, but concluded not to trouble "the old lady" about it until he found out more about it. NICHOLS inquired among his neighbors about it, but got little information and decided to give up. During the last year a stranger called on NICHOLS at his home, who told him his mother-in-law was entitled to a





pension and offered to get it for him, but he never returned. NICHOLS now made application to the magistrates of Pitt County to put him in a way to obtain whatever may be due him.

Arden [his mark] NICHOLS

Sworn to and subscribed by William D. MOYE, Clerk of Court May 6, 1846.

**Deposition of Edy NICHOLS**, age 43, before Marshall DICKINSON, J. P. of Pitt County, May 8, 1846. Edy NICHOLS deposes she is the only surviving child of Henry and Sarah TYSON. She had been told that her father died when she was a small child and doesn't remember seeing him. Edy lived with her mother until her marriage to Arden NICHOLS. She and Arden had eight children, seven now living. From what her mother told her, Edy would be 43 years old in the present year. A few months before her death, Sarah TYSON said she was 86 years old, but never mentioned the month or year of her birth or marriage. She and Henry TYSON had eight children viz: Polly, James, John, Edmund, Aaron, Abner, William and Edy TYSON. All the children were dead, except Abner, at the birth of Edy. The children, as Edy NICHOLS was told, are believed to be in the order of birth. Polly died an infant. Edmund lived to be nearly grown. James lived to be about 14 years old. All the others, except Abner, died at a younger age. Abner TYSON died four or five years before in the poorhouse, where he had been for many years. He was a sickly and infirm man who would be 60 years old if he were living. Edy knew nothing of the age of her father at his death, but knew he died not long after her birth. Edy heard her mother say her father served in the Revolution for three years, three months and 11 days. That he returned home during the war and that he had been in nine States while in service. Her mother also said some thirty years before a man named STUBBLEFIELD purchased from Abner TYSON his right to his father Henry TYSON'S military land and who come back and purchase Edy TYSON'S right when she came of age, but he never came back. [Much of this deposition is the same as Arden NICHOLS]

Edy [her mark] NICHOLS

#### **Certificate of Court of Heirship & widows Death**

"State of North Carolina Pitt County}

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, Augt. Term 1846

I William D. MOYE Clerk of the said Court do hereby certify that it has been given in evidence to the Satisfaction of said Court, that Sarah TYSON, widow of Henry TYSON, a Revolutionary Soldier, died in said County on the 31st day of July 1844 and that Edy NICHOLS, wife of Arden NICHOLS, of said County, is the only Surviving child of the said Sarah TISON, and is of lawful age.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my Seal of Office and subscribed my name this 7th day of Augt. 1846  
William D. MOYE CLK"

**Letter dated March 13, 1846**, Raleigh, NC to Marshall DICKINSON from W. HILL.

HILL states he had enclosed a certificate showing how Henry TYSON'S name stands on the muster rolls. His Land Warrant No.# 243 was drawn on Feb. 28, 1814 by Clem. STUBBLEFIELD for 274 acres which had long since passed into a Grant for land in the Western District of Tennessee. Abner TYSON as heir to Henry TYSON gave the power of attorney to STUBBLEFIELD to draw the Warrant. Fees for this service 50 cents.

Yours respectfully W. HILL

**Sarah TYSON decd widow of Henry**

"N.C.

Act July 4, 1836

Admitted Corporal 18 mos., & Private 6 mos. at \$86 per annum from Mar 4, 1831 to July 31, 1844

Only surviving child Edy NICHOLS

Agent A. H. MARKLAND Present

This letter is sent only to shew the identity of this TYSON with the one on the rolls.

**Letter dated May 12, 1846**, Greenville, Pitt Co., N. C. from Marshall DICKINSON to J. S. EDWARDS, Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir, I enclose the declaration of Arden NICHOLS for a pension, and the affidavits in its support. I might avail the declarant of the assistance of our Representative, or of some of the agents for such purposes in



your City, but I think it would only make you more trouble, without any advantage to him. I take the responsibility of pursuing this course. If I believed in the statement of some member of Congress made lately in the H. R. I should not send in this application because no positive proof is made or can be made, of the marriage, but I cannot think that statement correct. The circumstantial proof in this case is much stronger for any Court or Jury here than it would be considered if two ordinary witnesses swore to the fact. No couple could have lived together in that neighbourhood, where they were both born & raised, as man & wife, without suspicion, who had not been legally married. This is the opinion of all the old people there that I have had a chance to converse with. The witnesses are all unexceptionable, Colo. VINES is a planter of the first standing for virtue & probity. The Mr. JOYNER'S are of the highest respectability, and each has represented the County many years in the Commons, and also in the Senate. All are remarkable for their caution in giving testimony, and must be understood to mean full as much, and a little more, than they express. Mrs. NORRIS, the only intimate acquaintance of an advanced age, living in the same rank with TYSON & wife, now to be found, is a poor woman, against whose testimony her neighbours inform me, no exception can be taken. I have this not only from her poor neighbours, but also from all I enquired of & from Colo. VINES and the two JOYNER'S. In fact Colo. VINES & the JOINERS referred her expressly to her, as probably knowing more about the matter than any other person alive, and as one who could be depended on. The declarant & wife are also poor, worthy people, inoffensive in every way, and have been compelled to live much at home in a very obscure situation in the piny woods, where the old lady also was confined, without ever going abroad as I understand, except when she was transported in a cart to the poorhouse to see her sickly son. I lived for 3 or 4 years within two miles of NICHOLS (by crop path) but as during that time I did not visit his house. I never saw the old lady, and knew nothing of her. I mention these facts to account for their ignorance of the pension laws, at a time when they could have proved the marriage, and when they so much needed assistance. You will pardon me for it, in such a hard case, where I cannot help feeling as others acquainted with the facts feel. I have not thought it proper to introduce proof of credibility of the witnesses any further than your rules prescribe viz. in Court. If it is deemed of any importance the credibility of either & all can be fully supported. Colo. VINES & the JOINERS are known to Mr. CLARK, our representative and a more especially to Mr. BIGGS & Mr. DANIEL, who have practiced in our Courts. The certificate of our Secretary of STATE I send, though not in proper form, as I suppose you have in your office, a Copy of the same Muster Rolls.

Yours Respectfully Marshall DICKINSON"

Letter dated Sept. 20, 1846, Greenville, Pitt Co., N. C. from Marshall DICKINSON to J. S. EDWARDS, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City, D. C.

"Sir, On receipt of your letter 17 July in the case of Sarah TYSON. I sent word to Arden NICOLS, her son in law, and received a message in return that he was too unwell to attend to the business, & unable to get to town. I requested a man in old Mr. TYSON'S neighborhood to make enquiries on the subject, but have heard nothing from him. I have not seen NICHOLS since. I have done all for the poor fellow that I feel bound to do, and must drop it here. I am convinced there is no person now alive to prove the marriage nor any other evidence of it. I enclose the proof of the Widow's death, and name of her child and the certificate of the Clerk that there is no record of the marriage in Court. OUR RECORDS FURNISH NOTHING BUT THE BOND FOR LICENCE AND THE CLERK INFORMS ME THAT THEY DO NOT GO BACK FURTHER THAN 1793 OR 1794.

Yours Respectfully Marshall DICKINSON"

Letter dated Sept. 8, 1847, Greenville, Pitt Co., N. C. from Marshall DICKINSON to J. S. EDWARDS, Commissioner of Pensions.

"Sir, I wish to call your attention to the case of Sarah TYSON, decd. Your letter of the 17 July '46 stated that the evidence did not sufficiently established the fact that she was married before 30 Jan'y 1780, when her husbands service terminated, so as to bring her case within the act of 4 July 1836. You referred me to the Clks office for further proof, and added that the Court should certify the day of her death, and names of her living children. I procured a certificate from the Clerk that there was no evidence in the office as to the marriage, and also the Certificate of the Court as to the widows death, and her living child and on the 20th Sept. following, I forwarded them. I think I stated, that there was no person of the neighborhood old enough to prove the actual marriage, and knew of no further testimony. I supposed the matter would be determined in a short time. Enquiries were frequently made by the claimant about the issue, but, altho I





really feel much solicitude in his behalf, such was the bad state of my health for a long period, that I have not hitherto troubled you on the subject. Perhaps a decision was made, and the notice of it miscarried. If no decision has been made, I can only add that I know of no further evidence as to the marriage, except the evidence of those who knew them only many years subsequent to the marriage who could know nothing about the actual marriage, but who will testify that no charge or suspicion was entertained at that time as to their previous legal marriage. If such testimony would be of any avail, sufficient can be had. Please inform me on the subject. Very Respectfully, Sir, Your obt. Servt. Marshall DICKINSON"

**Letter dated Oct. 19, 1852,** Greenville, Pitt Co. from Marshall DICKINSON to J. E. HEATH, Commissioner of Pensions.

"Sir, In May 1846 I enclosed papers in the application for a Pension, by the Heir of Sarah TISON, widow of Henry TISON, late of this County and after some time, was informed by letter from the Comr that the evidence of marriage was not sufficient. I then advised the applt. that he had better apply to Congress, as his claim was undoubtedly a just one. NICHOLS, the Husband of the only Heir, being an infirm man and blind neglected to call for a long time, and before I had prepared his Petition, I became sick myself. I was afterwards advised to wait as there was expectation that positive proof would not long be required so rigidly. I have since perceived that a more liberal course is pursued in that respect, and I request you to inform me on the subject as far as your rules permit, and if further testimony is necessary, I should be extremely glad on account of a very worthy & poor man and family, to be informed.

Yours respectfully M. DICKINSON"

**Letter dated Nov. 21, 1852,** Greenville, N. C. from Marshall DICKINSON to J. E. HEATH, Commissioner of Pensions.

In this letter Marshall DICKINSON again asks the Commissioner to look in the case and offers any assistance. DICKINSON believes it is a just claim.

#### "State of North Carolina Pitt County}

I Henry SHEPPARD Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, hereby certify that I have made diligent search and cannot find amongst the records of this office, any record or bond or license of marriage between Henry TISON and Sarah who was his wife, and THAT NO SUCH RECORD IS TO BE FOUND AS FAR BACK AS THE YEAR 1780, and that this is the only proper office in the County where such records are required by law to be made. Given under my hand and the seal of my office this 14th day of July 1853. H. SHEPPARD CLK"

#### NOTES ON CASE:

synopsis of facts from the depositions say Sarah TYSON was born about 1758/1759, married in 1775/1776 at 17 years of age and died July 31, 1844. Henry TYSON died about 1803 and appeared over 50. Samuel VINES became acquainted with Henry and Sarah TYSON in 1789 when he was 14 years old.

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## SOME PITT COUNTY PEOPLE

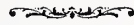
*Eastern Reflector, Aug. 14, 1895*

A friend at Grimesland sends us the following item which proves beyond doubt that there are centenarians in this section. Mrs. Lucretia HODGES was born in Chicod township, Pitt county, July 12th, 1792. She is now living in Beaufort county near the line of Pitt and is in good health. She is the mother of seven children, has sixty grand-children, ninety three great grandchildren and three great great great grandchildren. Her son, S. V. HODGES who is next to her youngest child, is fifty-nine years old, has seventeen living children, fifty two grandchildren and three great grand children. If any county can go ahead of Pitt the Reflector would like to hear from them.

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# PITT & RELATED COUNTY WILLS



## WILL OF EDWARD CANNON, 1729

Located in the Secretary of States Wills, NC Archives. Transcribed and contributed by Martha Mewborn Marble.

North Carolina Baith County

The Last will and Testament of Edward CANNON I being very Sick and weak of body But in perfit Sence and memory my Sould I gave to the Lord that gave it unto me And my body to the Earth to be buried att the discretion of my Excetret hearaftore named And my worldly goods as foloweth I gave to my Sone Edward CANNON five Sihillings I gave to my Sone Dennis five Shillings I gave to my daughter Margaret five Shillings I gave to my daughter Sarah WOODARD forty Sillings I gave to my daughter Jane forty Shillings I gave to my Soun Henry twenty Shillings one Sow and pigs I gave to my Sone David forty Shillings and a chest that is now att John WOODARDs and one of my largest puter deaches gave to my daughter Mary a negro woman cauled Rose only my wife heaveing the hole yuse and Labour of her dureing her Life I gave to my daughter Olif one fether bead and Boulster and too of my best puter deaches I gave to my Soun William CANNON one negro Man Cauled to be onely my to wife heaveing the hole use and Labour of him dureing her natrel Life I gave to daughter Ruth a negro garl Cauled Darcus onely to my Wife heaveing the hole use and Labour of her dureing her natrel life and if my daughter Ruth Shuld dy before She comes of Eage of one and twenty then this Said negro to retorn to my Suon John I gave to Sone John amell only my wife heaveing the hole use of this mell dureing her natrel life I gave my Land and plentation to my wife dureing her natrel life and after her desease to my Sone John and his heaires for ever now I gave to my Wife to be my hole and Sole Execetrex to see this my Least will and Tastamant fullfeled in witnes wheare unto I Seat my heand and Seeale

John KNOWLS

John LAWHON

Richard ABEL

Edward CANNON

North Carolina Beaufort & Hyde Prect} At a Court held at Bath Town for sd Prect. on the 10th day of June 1729 The above menioned Will was proved in Open Court by the Oaths of John LAWHON Richard ABEL two of the Subscribing Evidence thereto and that John LAWHON Saw Edward CANNON Sign the Same and Sarah CANNON took the Executors Oath as Appointed by Law in perform the sd Will

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## WILL OF HENRY CANNON, 1763

Located in Craven County Wills, CR 028.801.16, NC Archives. Transcribed and contributed by Roger Kammerer.

In the Name of God Amen the sixteenth Day of August In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three I Henry CANNON of the County of Craven and Provance of No. Carolina Being in perfect Health Sound mind And Memory and Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and Knowing that it is Appinted for all men Once to Die do Therefore make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament In manner and form as followeth  
Imprimis My will and Deier is that Immediatly After my Death My Executors Colleact Several Debts Due to me by Bonds Notes or Book Accounts Or Otherwise and the Moneys Arreising By Such Collection or So much there of as will be Suffecient Be Applied in paying my Just Debts and Funaral Expences Item....I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON the Hole use of all my Esatate Boath Real and personal During hur Natural Life





Item....I Give and Bequeath to my Cousan Henry CANNON Son of my Brother John CANNON the Plantation and Land Whareon I now live Togeather with all the Remainder of my Lands that I am posseast with or Shall be at my Decease, After the Death of my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON, to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item....I Give and Bequeath to my Cousan Henry CANNON Son of my Brother John CANNON, after the Decease of my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON four Negros (Viz) Rogar, Cato, Jack, and Phillless, also one Featherbed and Furniture, and one Large Ovel Table and my Walnut Deask, and Ten Cows and Calves To him and his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item....I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON & Granson, Hugh PUGH, Five Negros (Viz) Lonnon, Boston, Luke, Sollomon, Any, and Ten Cows and Calves, and Two Feather beds and Furniture, and one Iron pot, one Doz of Puter Plates, and three Dishas, After Deceas of my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON, to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item....I Give and Bequeath to my Cousan Edward CANNON Son of My Deceasd. Brother Dennes CANNON, he is Destingwest by the Name of Little Edward, three Negros (Viz) Mingo, Vilat, And Dick, after the Decease of my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON, to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item....I Give and Bequeath to Benjamin JARRELL Son of Henry JARRELL one Negro Named Toney to him and his Heirs and Assigns Forever

Item....I Give and Bequeath to my Cousan Henry SMITH Son of Henry SMITH Deceasd., Two Negros (Viz) Peter and Morear after the Deceas of my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON also one Featherbed and Furtfniture after the Deceas of my said Wife to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item....I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON One Negro Woman Named Bett, Togeather with all the Resadue of my Estate not Hertofore Giving But of What Kind or Nature Soever to hur and Hur Heirs and Assigns forever

Item....It is my will and Desier that None of the Lagasies Hertofore Giving Should Be Delivered to any of the within Mentiond Legateas Tell after the Deceas of my Beloved Wife Elizabeth CANNON

Lastly I Nominate Constitute and Oppoint mye Beloved and Trusty Friends Jacob BLOUNT & Hugh PUGH My Executors of this my Last will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have herunto Set my Hand and Affixed my Seale the Day and Year first Above Written

Signed Sealed Published And Pronounced as my Last Will and Testament in the Presents of

Test Jacob BLOUNT

David KENNEDY

Hugh [his H mark] PUGH

Henry [his H mark] CANNON

North Carolina October Craven Inferior Court 1767

Present His Majestys Justices

Then was the within last Will and Testament of Henry Cannon Deceased proved in open Court in Due form of Law by the Oath of Jacob Blount Esquire one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. At the same time Jacob Blount and Hugh Pugh Executors therein named Qualified as such agreeable to Law. Ordered that Mr. Secretary have Notice thereof that Letters Testamentary Issue Accordingly.

Test Chrisr. NEALE C.I.C

June Term 1768

Ordered that Letters Testamentary Issue in pursuance of the above Certificate Test Wm BRYAN



## WILL OF BENJAMIN BRILEY, 1853

Taken from Supreme Court Case #5071, NC Archives. Transcribed and contributed by Roger Kammerer.

State of North Carolina Pitt County} In the name of God Amen I Benjamin BRILEY of the State and County aforesaid being not in good health but of sound & disposing mind & memory and being desirous of making some distribution of my property. Knowing that it is decreed for All men to die do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner & form following Viz.



Item 1st. I give and bequeath to each of my children to whom I have advanced property of any kind whatever all that I have heretofore put into their possession to them their heirs and assigns forever. Including present and future increase.

Item 2nd. I give unto my two Children Mary BRILEY and William S. BRILEY my tract of land lying on Tar River on which I now live and which I purchased from the Estate of John L FOREMAN decd. Also a tract of land I purchased of Arthur FORBES containing about Twenty four acres, to be divided as follows my son William S. BRILEY to have two thirds, and my daughter Mary BRILEY to have one third of said Lands. It is my Will and desire that the above mentioned lands be kept together and not divided until my son William S. BRILEY arrives at the age of Twenty one years, and the net proceeds of said lands, to be divided in the same manner as above directed. I also give to my Daughter Mary BRILEY and my son William S. BRILEY the following Negroes Woman Harriet, Frances, Frank, Richard, Isabella, Cato, Bill, Arcena, Kit & wife Cintha, them & their future increase to be held and kept in common Stock until my son William S. BRILEY shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years. I also give my Daughter Mary BRILEY & my son William S. BRILEY Two Feather Beds & furniture each. I also give unto my son William S. BRILEY one hundred dollars in money to purchase him a horse when he may need him. I also give my daughter Mary & my Son William S. BRILEY Two cows and calves their choice. I give my daughter Elizabeth STEPHENS one Pianna Fote & Stool, and an Accordion, all of the above property included in this Item. I give to my children as above stated to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my several heirs as named Viz. Martha TURNAGE one negro, Willis BRILEY one negro, the children of Bennet BRILEY one negro, provided either or both of them should have a lawful heir. Otherwise it is my desire that the said negro should be divided between my other heirs, to my daughter Mary one negro to my son William S. BRILEY one negro Elizer ANDREWS one negro, Winnefred BALLARD one negro, the children of Jesse BRILEY one negro Nancy VINES one negro, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item 4th. All the rest of my estate of every kind both real and personal I give to my children & Grand Children (except my Bank Stock) in the following manner. I give to Martha TURNAGE one Tenth part, to John BRILEY one Tenth part, to Willis BRILEY one Tenth part. To the children of Bennet BRILEY one Tenth part, provided they or one of them Should live to have a lawful heirs. (otherwise to go back to my other heirs) to Mary BRILEY one Tenth part and to the children of Jesse BRILEY by his first Wife one Tenth part. Also to Nancy VINES one Tenth part provided She shall have a lawful heir begotten of her body. otherwise my will is that the share allotted her shall be equally divided between the rest of my children & the children of Bennet & Jesse BRILEY.

Item 5th. All my Bank Stock I give in Trust to my friend Charles GREENE for the use and benefit of my several heirs, Viz. Martha TURNAGE, John BRILEY, Willis BRILEY, Nancy VINES, Elizer ANDREWS, Winnefred BALLARD, Mary BRILEY, William S. BRILEY, the Children of Bennet BRILEY decd., the children of Jesse BRILEY (by his first Wife) making in all Ten Shares. It is my Will and desire that my said Trustee Shall only receive the dividends accruing from Said Banks, for the Space of Twenty years, and not to touch sell or dispose of in any way the original amount in the said Banks Invested during that time unless the Bank or Banks should sooner wind up its concerns, in that event I wish him to receive both Principle & the dividends & pay them over to my several heirs as above directed. I wish my Trustee to distribute the dividends as soon as he receives them as directed above to each of my children one Tenth part and to the Children of Bennet BRILEY one Tenth part & to the children of Jesse BRILEY by his first Wife one Tenth.

Item 6th. It is my Will and desire that my Executor shall sell all of my perishable estate not given away and take charge of any other property that may come into his possession until all my just debts are paid. then distribute the surplus if any as directed in the fourth Clause of this Will. In testimony whereof I the said Benjamin BRILEY have hereto set my hand & seal this the 28th day of January 1853.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of.

Benjamin [his mark] BRILEY (seal)

Tenth line from bottom, by his first wife entered before signing.

Test W K DELANEY

David HOUSE





State of North Carolina Pitt County} I do hereby certify that the within copy purporting to be the Last Will & testament of Benjamin BRILEY is true as will show in my office in Will Book date 1842 to 1855 & page 127 & 128. Given under my hand & seal off office at Greenville January 19th 1855.  
H SHEPPARD Clerk  
By J C ALBRITTON D. C

## WILL OF WILLIAM R. FRIZZLE, 1861

Taken from Will Book 1, p. 98, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC. Transcribed and contributed by Janice Tripp Gurganus.

In the name of God, Amen! I William R. FRIZZLE of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existance do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows (That is to say)  
Item the 1st.....I wish my executor herein after named to collect the debts due my estate and pay all after my just debts and provide interment for my body suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations and pay the expenses of the same out of the first money ther may come into his hand belonging to my estate.  
Item the 2nd....I lend to Charles ROGERS his heirs Executors, Admts. and assigns the sum of two thousand dollars to be held by him in trust for the following purposes. (Viz) The said Charles ROGERS, his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns, shall collect and receive the said sum of two thousand dollars from my executor herein after named and shall hold and keep the same at interest for the use and benefit of my brother Warren F. FRIZZLE and shall pay the interest arising thereon to the said Warren F. FRIZZLE anually during his natural life and after the death of said Warren F. FRIZZLE the said sum of two thousand dollars is to be paid to his children if he leaves any and if he does not leave any child at his death I give the said sum of two thousand dollars to my brothers and sisters herein after named all shearing alike in the same, (Viz) Zilpha R. BROWN, Elizabeth R. CARMAN, Frances A. ROGERS, Jonathan R. FRIZZLE, Aleinda A. MURPHREY and Sarah A. COWARD and their heirs absolutely forever.  
Item the 3rd.....I give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate both real and personal, unto my brother Jonathan R. FRIZZLE and sisters Zilpha R. BROWN, Elizabeth R. CARMAN, Frances A. ROGERS, Aleinda A. MURPHREY and Sarah A. COWARD each shearing alike in the same, to them and their heirs absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Charles ROGERS my executor to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same.  
In witness whereof I the said William R. FRIZZLE do hereunto set my hand and seal. This 28 day of August A.D. 1861  
William R. FRIZZLE (seal)

Signed sealed and published and declared by the said William R. FRIZZLE to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.  
Caleb CANNON  
Jessee HART

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William R. FRIZZLE decd. was produced in open court and the due execution thereof according to Law by the said decd. was proved by the oaths of Caleb CANNON and Jessee HART the two subscribing witnesses to the same and it was ordered by the court that said paper writing be recorded and filed as the last will and testament of William R. FRIZZLE decd. And thereupon Charles ROGERS the person named as executor in said will came into Court and renounced his right to qualify to the same. In motion it was then ordered that Edward CARMAN Esq be appointed Administrator with the will annexed to said estate upon giving bond in the sum of \$40,000 with Charles ROGERS Edwd. R. COWARD and Jessee HART as his sureties which bond was given and accepted by the Court, and the Admr. duly qualified according to Law.  
G. A. DANCY Clerk



# PITT COUNTY COURT CASES

The following cases were taken from the New Bern District Criminal Action Papers, DSCR 206.326, NC Archives. Transcribed and contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## **The State vs. Robert DANIEL Novb Term 1779**

State of North Carolina Pitt County November 26 1779

Silvanus PUMPHRY Came before us John SIMPSON & James GORHAM two of the Justice of the law for the sd County and made oath on the Holy avengelist of allmighty God  
That Mr Robert DANIEL Came to my house and told Me that he had a negro wench to Contrat? away of Coll James ARMSTRONGS and he wanted to get Sumbody to Carry her away and he had ben to Mr BARFIELDS to git him to Carry hr away he asked Mr PUMPHRY if the wench might Stay at his house for Hillery CASSUN & Samuel BARROW was Coming to Drive at his Howse and he was affraid thay would discover the wench. I told him She Should not Come to my Howse the Same Night a wench Came to my Howse and told me her mr ROBERD Sent her thare. I told her that She Could not Stay thare and to be gon. Sum tine after I Happened at Robert DANIEL Jnr. and saw him Rite the Bill of Sale for Collo ARMSTRONGS negro wench and Saw him Deliver it to Davis NANCE and told Mr NANCE that the wench must Ride on his Horse and that DANIEL went out of the Door and Came in and Called his name John BRINSON...after the tenner of the Bill of Sale and that he DANNIEL would Say a Snake Bit the horse and was Dead after NANCE was Gone  
Sworn Before me James GORHAM JP

Silvanus his+Mark PUMPHRY

William KING Informed me that DANIEL Confesst that he rote the Bill of Sale to NANCE and that he Knew it was ARMSTRONGS Negro but he rote the Bill of Sale in another nam



## **The State vs. Edward CANNON} Indt. Assault**

Wits. Henry SMITH of Craven  
Lewis CANNON of Pitt County

State of North Carolina Newbern district} Superior Court of Law and Equity November term 1782

The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that Edward CANNON, late of the County of Craven, planter, on the nineteenth day of October in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, and in the seventh year of American Independance, with force and arms, in the County of Pitt, in the district aforesaid, in and upon on William WILLIAMS, in the peace of God, and the said State, then and there being did make an assault, and him the said William, did beat, wound and ill treat, and other wrongs to the said William then and there did, against the peace and dignity of the said State  
Alfred MOORE AttGenl.



## **The State vs. Aquilla SUGG} Ind. for a Misdemeanor Nov. Term 1780**

Witness Stephen BROOKS  
John SIMPSON Esq.

State of North Carolina Newbern District} At a Superior Court of Law begun and held for the District of Newbern at the Town of Newbern in the Said District, on the fifteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty before the Honourable Samuel ASHE, Samuel SPENCER, and John WILLIAMS Esquires Judges of the Said Court.

The Jurors for the State upon their Oath present, that Aquila SUGG late of the County of Pitt in the District aforesaid Planter, on the twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, at the County aforesaid, in the District aforesaid, the following wicked, disaffected, and discouraging expressions did speak and say to one Stephen BROOKS of the said County and District, that is to say, "that he was told Fourteen thousand of the English were in Cross Creek, and that the Enemy





were to go through the State, and Winter in Virginia" whereas in fact and truth, he had not heard the same, but invented the said Story to weaken and discourage the defence of the State; and that he also on the said twentieth day of July, and at the County and District aforesaid, did speak and say to the said Stephen BROOKS the following wicked, disaffected, and discouraging Expressions, that is to say, "That they were to be stationed by the English in every County in this State, and that proper Judges would be appointed to ty and hang every leading man in the State", and did also on the said day last mentioned, and at the County and District aforesaid, endeavour to dissuade the said Stephen BROOKS from going out in defence of his Country against the common Enemy, in disregard of the duty of his Allegiance, and against the Peace and Dignity of the said State.

Jas. IREDELL Att.Genl.



**The State vs. Henry CANNON} Indictmt Maihem**

Thos. MELVIL Prosr.

Joseph LETCHWORTH Senr. &

Joseph LETCHWORTH Junr.

Sworn and sent Chrisr. NEALE C. R.

True Bill R COGDELL Foreman

State of North Carolina New Bern District} At a Court of Sessions of the Peace, Ss Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery begun and held at New Bern, for the District of New Bern, on the Twenty ninth Day of March in the first Year of the Independance of said State, and in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven, before the Honourable James DAVIS Esquire one of the Judges and Justices of said Court, appointed in Virtue of an Ordinance of the State of North Carolina aforesaid, by Commission from his Excellency Richard CASWELL Esquire, Governor Captain General, and Commander in Chief, in and over said State, directed to Abner NASH Esquire and the said James DAVIS or either of them, under the Seal of the State, to hear, try and Determine all offences against the Peace and good Government thereof which may have been committed or shall hereafter be comitted within the District aforesaid. The Jurors for the state aforesaid, upon their Oath present that Henry CANNON late of the Parish of St. Michael in the County of Pitt in the District of New Bern and State of North Carolina Planter being a Person of a wicked and Diabolical Disposition, and maliciously designing and intending one Thomas MELVIL. to beat, wound and ill treat, on the Seventh Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six, with Force & Arms, at the Parish of Christ Church in the County of Craven & District of New Bern aforesaid in and upon the said Thomas MELVIL, in the Peace of God and State aforesaid, then and there being violently did make an Assault and him the said Thomas MELVIL then and there did beat, wound & ill treat, so that his Life was greatly despaired of; and that he the said Henry CANNON, with a stick in his right Hand, the said Thomas MELVIL, in and upon the left Eye of the said Thomas MELVIL then and there unlawfully, violently & maliciously did did strike, by reason whereof he the said Thomas MELVIL then & there the use, Sight and Benefit of his said left Eye entirely lost, and was deprived of, and under the Pain and Anguish of the Blow, which he the said Thomas MELVIL then and there recieved from the said Henry CANNON for a long Time, to witt, from the Seventh Day of November, in the year aforesaid, unto the Day of the taking of this Inquisition, at the Parish aforesaid in the county aforesaid, hath continued and laboured, and doth yet continue and labour, and that the said Henry CANNON other Wrongs to the said Thomas MELVIL then & there, violently & maliciously did, to the great Damage & Impoverishment of the said Thomas MELVIL, to the evil Example of all others in like Cases offending and against the Peace and Dignity of the State.

Jas. COOKE Attorney for State



**State vs. Jesse PROCTOR**

State of North Carolina Pitt County} Be it Remembered that on the 28th day of April 1780. Jesse Proctor of the County aforesaid plantors Richard PROCTOR and Arthur FORBES of the County and State aforesaid planters, Came before me one of the Justices of the Peace for Said County and Acknowledged themselves Indebted Severally to the State of North Carolina aforesaid. The Said Jesse PROCTOR in the





Sum of Fifty thousand pounds Currency of the State aforesaid and Richard PROCTOR and Arthur FORBES Each in the Sum of twenty five thousand pounds Like money to be Levied on their Several Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements for the use of the State Aforesaid. The Condition of this Obligation is Such that if the above Bound Jesse PROCTOR shall make his personal Appearance Before the Judges at the next Superior Court of pleas & C to be held for the District of NewBern the Fifteenth day of May next then and there to Abide by the Judgment & Determination of Said Court and not Depart without Leave first had and Obtained and in the mean Time that he keep the Peace towards all the Liege People of this State, then the Above Obligation to be Void otherwise to Remain in force. Acknowledged Before me the day and year above Written

Robert GRIMMER J. P.



### State vs. Pearson TUTEN

State of No Carolina Pitt County} Oath having been Made Before James GORHAM Esq By John VAN PELT of Craven County That on the Night of Feb. the 8th. Instant his Smoak house was broke open and a Quantity of Beacon Taken Out & And that he hath reason To Suspect Person TUTEN & others to have Done the Same & you are hereby required in the Name of the State to Search The house of the sd. Pearson TUTEN & all other Suspected places as you may think proper & Such Beacon having found you are to Bring Together with Pearson TUTEN & the person in whose Custody the Same May be found Before Me or or Some other Justice of the peace to be dealt with as the Law Directs

For Which This Shall be your Warrant

Given Under My hand & Seal Feb. 24: 1787      John SIMPSON JP (seal)

Executed Thomas HARDEE Constable} On Search, found in Coll GORHAMS Store House four pieces of Beacon, Which Pearson TUTEN being present acknowl He Sold to Coll GORHAM viz Part of the Meat Stolen as within Complained. Viz Judg. That Person TUTEN find Sureties for his appearnce at the Next Super. Court at Newbern on the Day of May 1787

John SIMPSON JP

John Van PELT Henry VAN PELT} Enterd. Into Recog. in The Sum of five hundr. pounds Each for their personal appearance at New. viz To Prosecute the Within Pitt County Feb. 24: 1787

John SIMPSON JP

To The Sherriff or Goaler of The District of Newbern} I send you the Body of Pearson TUTEN who is Suspectd. to have Broken the house as within Mentend. you are hereby Required to Receive the Same & Safely Keep Until Dischargd. by due Course of Law

Given Under My hand & Seal Feb 24, 87

John SIMPSON JP (seal)

Pearson TUTEN Fedrick MILLS

William BURNEY Simon BURNEY

Daniel WILLSON Junr William TUTEN}

Enterd. into Recognizance Viz. Pearson TUTEN in the sum of One thousand pounds Condition for his Personal appearance at the Next Supr Court of Law viz Each of the Sureties in the Sum of Two hundred pounds

Given Under My hand & Seal Feby 26, 1787      John SIMPSON JP (seal)

James Gorham Esq. Enterd. into Recognizance in the Sum of five hundred pounds. Conditionl. for his personal appearance at the Next Supr Court of Law viz to Be held at Newbern May Term. To Give Evidence Against Pearson TUTEN Pitt County March 10, 1787 Before Me

John SIMPSON JP



# CLARENCE V. CANNON LETTERS

The following informative letters were written to Jesse Lillington Jackson, Pitt County historian, by Clarence V. Cannon. In 1990 they were located in the J. L. Jackson Papers, Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville, NC. Transcribed and contributed by Roger Kammerer.



Ayden, N. C.  
January 23 1947

Dear Mr. JACKSON,

While the work is interesting it is at the same time rather tiring and I fear what I am sending you may not be what you wanted. Probably I should have given more dates, some of which I do not have convenient, and maybe you wanted some comments about who the different people were, what they did and where they lived.

I have been thinking I would take time and undertake to go back further with the lines but I have not gotten around to it somehow.

CANNON, MAY and ROUNTREE. There are only three as the ROUNTREE runs together as both my paternal and maternal grandmothers were of that name.

CANNON: There are an unusual number of Caleb connected with this family. For example, my grandfather, my great grandfather and my aunt Martha CANNON married her cousin Caleb who was the brother of cousin Jesse CANNON. My great grandfather CANNON was killed by falling tree in 1815, the year my grandfather was born. I would like to go back beyond my great grandfather who was born about 1765. I have rather vague data on the family going back as far as the crusades and a coat of arms but I would like to be able to trace definite lineage further than I now have.

MAY: On my mother's father side I can get back to Major Benjamin MAY all right but would like to go further but this would likely be in England or English records. At Farmville each year there is held a TYSON —MAY reunion.

ROUNTREE: It seems this family came to Virginia and from there to this state and Mass. as well as some in Louisiana. I have been in touch with descendants of the family in several states and several are working on different branches of this family history.

I wish you good luck and happiness in your undertaking and if I can be of further help or explain some of this I am sending, please call upon me.

Sincerely, Clarence V. CANNON



Ayden, N. C.  
September 16 1947

Dear Mr. JACKSON,

I regret very much I was not at home when you called last week but I do appreciate very much the data you mailed to me in your letter of the 9th. At different times I had run across or heard of some in the list you mailed but by no means the number or information you sent me.

In my direct CANNON line I have understood it about as follows going back: My father Robert C. born 1859, Caleb 1815, Caleb 1781, Thomas 1757, John 1712. About the last or first one, John, I am not so sure. I would like more information about him and both his wife and Mary, the wife of Thomas, as to who they were.

Mrs. CANNON thanks you for your inquiry as to her family. She asked me to say that she was in possession of the data on her direct line back to Keeley TUCKER and that she would be glad to furnish you this information if it will be helpful to you.

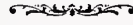
I think it is a fine thing you are doing to work on the assembling of facts on the genealogy of the older families in this section. It must be quite tiring and yet very interesting. I hope to see you when you are again in this section.

Sincerely, Clarence V. CANNON





# BIBLES RECORDS



## URVIN H. BUCK BIBLE

Taken from a handwritten copy of the original bible record in the Tabitha Marie DeVisconti Collection, #480.23, ECU Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. The record was sent to Ms. DeVisconti by a descendant, Mrs. Alma Moses Dybowski, of Kenedy, Texas. The bible was published by Mathew Carey, No. 121 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, 1815. The bible was owned Mr. Frank Donaldson of Coffeyville, Kansas in the 1960's.

### Marriages

John Newman and Anne Grimes was married the 19 of October 1780  
Urvin H. Buck and Frances R. May were married Dec. 5, 1822.  
Harriet E. Buck and Washington R. Perkins were married on the 15 of Sept. 1842  
U. H. Buck and Bettie Boyette were married 11, 1863, of July  
John R. Newsome and Bettie Buck was married the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 1872.  
Willie Boyette and W. P. West were married on the 16 of October 1879.  
Mary Urvinah Buck and G. D. McCaleb were married Feb. 7, 1883.  
Della Maud, daughter of U. H. and Bettie Buck, was married to Robt. A. Donelson, Apr. 14, 1889.  
James Buck was married to Miss Penelope Newman about the year 1776  
Medora Penelope Buck was married to Lee A. Montgomery Dec. 24, 1894.

### Births

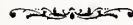
John C. Newman, son of John Newman and Anne was born January 20 day 1758  
Anne Grimes, daughter of Dempsey and Penelope Grimes, born the 17 day of Oct. 1761  
Urvin H. Buck, son of James Buck was born 3rd of April 1799  
Frances R. May, daughter of James and Harriet May was born June 16, 1807.  
Harriot C. E. S. Buck, daughter of Urvin and Frances R. Buck was born the 5 of Oct. 1823.  
John Newman Buck, son of Urvin H. and Frances R. Buck, was born 17 March 1825.  
James Thaddeus Buck, son of Urvin H. and Frances R. Buck, was born Aug. 16, 1827.  
Wm. Humphrey, son of Urvin H. and Frances R. Buck was born Aug. 19, 1829.  
Robert Wilie, son of Urvin H. and Frances R. Buck was born July 22, 1831.  
Henry Urvin, son of Urvin H. and Frances R. Buck, was born the 3rd of Feb. 1834.  
Camillus Adolphus, son of Urvin and Frances R. Buck was born June 5, 1836.  
Edwin Hunter, son of Urvin H. Buck and Frances, his wife, was born July 8, 1838.  
Dewitt Clinton Buck, son of Urvin H. Buck and Frances, his wife, was born Feb. 10, 1842.  
Bettie Wooster, dau. of James Wooster and Mary, his wife, was born 8 of Mar. 1844.  
Mary Urvanah, daughter of U. H. Buck and Bettie, his wife, was born June 23, 1866.  
Willie H. Boyette, daughter of William H. Boyette and Bettie, his wife was born Oct. 23, 1862.  
Delah Maud, daughter of U. H. Buck and Bettie his wife was born Aug. 3, 1868.  
Penelope, daughter of U. H. Buck and Bettie, his wife was born April 6, 1870.

### Deaths

Frances R. Buck, wife of U. H. Buck, departed this life Apr. 4, 1863.  
U. H. Buck departed this life Nov. 10, 1870.  
W. H. Boyette departed this life July 11, 1862.  
Mary R. Byrd departed this life Sept. 13, 1877.  
Alfred Lamah Newsome departed this life May 7, 1883.  
James Thaddeus Buck, Sr. departed this life July 12, 1886.  
Anne Newman departed this life 31 of Marvh 1813.  
John C. Newman departed this life March 13, 1824.  
Penelope Blount departed this life 27 October 1823.  
Ann Buck departed this life the 8 of October 1823.



William Humphrey Buck departed this life 5 of Sept. 1831.  
 Camillus Adolphus Buck departed this life 10 of August 1838.  
 Dewitt Clinton Buck, son of U. H. Buck and Frances, his wife, departed this life Aug. 6, 1862.  
 Mrs. Bettie Newsome died Dec. 4, 1895.  
 Harry E. Newsome departed this life April 10, 1928.  
 Robert A. Donaldson departed this life Apr. 11, 1934.  
 Mrs. Urvinah Buck McCaleb departed this life March 11, 1950.  
 Della Maude Donaldson departed this life May 30, 1952.



## THE CALEB CANNON, JR., BIBLE

Owned by Mrs. Helen Christopher, 1994. *The Peoples Standard Edition of the Holy Bible*; Bradley Garretson & Co., Philadelphia; B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va., 1876. Transcribed and contributed by Roger Kammerer.

On Cover: C & M S Cannon

Caleb Cannon Jr. of Pitt Co. NC and Martha S. Cannon of Pitt Co. NC on 29th Dec. 1869, at her Father's by Rev. Gideon Allen Witness J. W. Cannon, J. Spyvy

Caleb Cannon Jr was married to Martha S. Cannon Wednesday Dec. 29th 1869  
 Caleb Cannon was born Friday January 12th 1844 died May 20, 1913  
 Martha Selina Cannon was born Friday April 7th 1848  
 Roy Lester Cannon was born Sunday November 18, 1887 died 1958  
 Joyce Winnifred Cannon was born Thursday Aug. 29, 1889  
 William Abram Cannon was born Friday May 6, 1892 died May 8, 1983  
 Thelma Cornelia Cannon daughter of Heber C. and Della E. Cannon was born Saturday Sept. 3rd 1898  
 Mary A. Cannon was born Tuesday night January 25th 1871 died Oct. 30, 1952  
 Heber Caleb Cannon was born Friday April 4, 1873 died March 28, 1914  
 James Emanuel Cannon was born Wednesday, January 20th 1875. died 1959.  
 Martha Lucretia Cannon was born Wednesday July 11, 1877 died Dec. 1, 1961  
 Harriet Elizabeth Cannon was born Thursday January 29th 1880  
 Celia Eugenia Cannon was born Wednesday March 16th 1881  
 Thomas Eugene Cannon was born " " " "  
 Thomas Eugene Cannon was born Wednesday March 7th 1883 died March 27, 1972  
 John Robert Cannon was born Saturday May 23, 1885 died June 9, 1946

### Deaths

Celia Eugenia Cannon departed this life March 5th 1883 Aged one year 11 months 19 days  
 Joyce Winifred Cannon departed this life March 2, 1892 Aged 2 yrs. 6 months and 2 days  
 Hattie Elizabeth Cannon departed this life Aug. 28th 1904. Aged 24 yrs., 7 months  
 Martha Selina Cannon departed this life Aug. 26, 1909. Aged 61 yrs., 4 months, 19 days  
 Carrie Smith Cannon was born Aug. 23, 1890 died July 28, 1968  
 Alice Carman Cannon was born Oct. 2, 1882 died 1959



## LITTLE-ALLEN BIBLE

Original in possession of L. Allen Churchill, lent to PCFR for copy and publication. Transcribed by Elizabeth Ross. Title page missing (published after 1900).

This is the Certify That Leonard Loyd Little and Allie Estelle Allen were United by me in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] on the 2 day of March in the year of our Lord 1919 in Presence of Teddie Pollard an Roma Pollard.



#### Marriages:

Allie Estell Allen. Marriag to Leonard. L. Little. March. 2. 19.19  
Henry Ethridge Allen. Marriag to Maud. Mayo. ~~November 10~~ [struck thru] October 10. 19.20.  
Mr. Joseph James Allen Married to Louisa Dixon. March 24. 1923  
Mr. Joseph James Allen married to Quenie May Harinton Nov 21 1928  
Elma Ray Allen married to Roeona Simpkins Dec 10 Sat. 1932

Edward Ray allen was born 1 day Feb 1934.

Levis Allen Churchill and Allie Rachel Little were married Sunday, November 20, 1949.

#### Births:

J. W. Allen was borned the Jan. 8. 1877.  
Allie Allen was borned March. 4. 18.80.  
Henry Theridge Allen was borned April 19. 1900.  
Allie Estell Allen was borned Feb. 1. 19.02.  
Joseph James Allen was borned Aug. 27. 19.03.  
Elmer Ray allen was borned. 24. Apr. 19,\_\_\_ [torn]  
J. W. Allen. Jr. was borned April 12. 19,\_\_\_ [torn]  
LyRoy Allen was borned April 14. 1916.

Hazel dell Little. was borned April. 11. 19.20  
James Doyel Little Was borned Jan 10. 1922  
Leonard Alberia [?] Little was " Sept. 30. 19.23  
Allen Loid Little was " Nov 18 [?] 1925  
Allie Rachel Little was Borned Sep = 28 = 1933  
Leonard Loid Little was " Set. 15 1938

#### Deaths:

J. W. Allen Jr. son of D. H. Allen & Mary P. Allen his wife died Aug. 29. 1917.  
Mr C. C. Little Died March 25. 19.31  
Mr Leonard Loyd Little died May \_\_\_ 1938

On a slip of paper stored with the record pages:

Henry Etheridge Allen

Born April 27, 1900

died July 5, 1931

Robert J. Little

Born

died - March 3. 1943

Irvin L. Little

Born - Nov. 2. 1909

died Oct 22, 1951

Henry & Mary Allen great Grand Dady

Allie Allen & Jim Allen grand Dady



### FREEMAN-CHURCHILL BIBLE

Original in possession of L. Allen Churchill, lent to PCFR for copy and publication. Transcribed by Elizabeth Ross. Title page: *The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments* . . . Stereotyped by James Conner, New York, Brattleborough, Vt. . . . [Date torn].

[Editor's notes: The record pages in this Bible are in poor condition and very difficult to read. The name Churchill was often abbreviated in this record. —er]





#### Marriages:

John H. Freeman & Penelope Freeman [struck thru] Suggs his Wife Was Married Juen the 19 - 1828.

Wyatt L. Churchill and Jane Pridgen his Wife was Married September the 28 - 1865.

James Henry Churchill the sun of Wyatt and Jane Churchill was borned August the 24 1874

Raymond Estelle Churchill the daughter of Wyatt and Jane Churchill was borned August the 15 - 1878

Raymond Estelle Churchill died August the 18 1881

#### Births:

John H. Freeman Was Bornd October the 27 - 1794

Penelope Suggs his Wife was Bond october the 13 - 1805

John .T. Freeman their Son Was Bornd June the 19 - 1829

Samuel Drew Freeman their Son Was Bornd January the 24 - 1831

Mary & Eliza Freeman their Daughter was Bornd April the 5 - 1833

Charles Franklin Freeman their Son Was Bornd October the 22 - 1835

Richard William Churill Was march the 31 - 1838

Waret L. Churcill Was Bornd march the 22 1840

James [?] P. Churchill Was Born Janury 9 the 1848

[next entry destroyed by scotch tape]

#### Deaths:

Samuel Drew Freeman Departed this Life October the 12 - 1834

[next entry under scotch tape...looks like:]

Richard W Chur\_\_\_ Departed this Life 20 November 1851 or 1859?

Eliza Jane Pridgen Was Bond December the 17, 1843

Jams F Churill \_\_\_ 1837 was \_\_\_\_ [narcy?] the 20 of Febuy

Baby [or Ruby?] Was Bornd April the 7 1845

#### Marriages:

James Henry Churchill was married July 7 1901 to Miss Lucie Jenkins of Pitt Co.

Lucy Ira [Ora?] Jenkins Churchill was born June the 15 1884

Negr Rody Was Bornd November the 19 - 1795

Negro Daniel Was Bornd August the 21 - 1815

Negro Elick Was Bornd September teh 20 - 1817

Negro Edmon Was Bornd December the 31 - 1819

Negro Juda Was Bornd February the 1 - 1822

Negro Dun Was Bornd September the 29 - 1825

Negro Nancy Was Bornd November the 19 - 1827

Negro Sarah Was Bornd December the 19 - 1829

Negro Amos Was Bornd Febuary the 8 - 1830

Negro Isaack Was Bornd March the 1 - 1833

Negro Abram Was Bornd March the 1 - 1833

Negro Penny [or Penry?] Was Bornd August the 31 - 1834

Negro Apsey Was Borne January the 18 - 1823

Negro Emmaly Was Bornd December the 14 - 1837

Negro John Was Borne Noveber the 5 1837

Negro luce [or lace?] Was Borne January the 15 1840

Negro hambrech [?] Was Bornd february the 5 1842

Negro Ader Was Bornd Augus the 6 1840

Negro denny Was Bornd may the 3 1842

Negro haror [?] Was Bornd august the 2 1842

Negro ma\_\_\_ [marget?] Was Bornd January the 15 1843



Negro curotine [caroline?] Was Bornd augus the 15 1844  
 Negro Tightus Was Bornd august the 5 1856  
 Negro Warren Was Bornd the 10 of August 1858  
 Negro Malvina Was Bornd the 15 of May 1860  
 Negro Ida was borned the 6th of July 1863  
 Negro Ellie was borned the 24 of Feb 1864

Slips of paper in the Bible:

Justices qualified @ Febr. Term 1837	not qualified
1 P. L. Wicks or Meeks?	1 Ephraim Spivy
2 Parrott Gray	2 Alfred Darden
3 John Turnage	3 Ruben Walles
4 William Dixon	4 Henry Tevinson [probably Levinson?]
5 Ben C D Eason	5 Haywood Edmonson

Another slip of paper, some handwriting practice and repetition of birth date of James Henry Churchill:

Mr. Wiott Churchill  
 Carolina Seminary  
 Greene County  
 N. Carolina

Another sheet:

Henry bruten one barrel of corn 4¢ abarrell one hundred waight of fodder 1\$ July the 19#, 1837.  
 Peny kilpartrick two barrels of corn for 4\$ a barrels July the 19# 1837  
 Joseph H Broton one barrel of corn \$4 abarrel 4 hundred weight of foderr \$1 hundred August the 2# 1837  
 Sarah lare [lane or love?] 4 barrels of corn [lorn?] for \$4 a barrel August the 2# 1837  
 Sarah lare 3 1/2 bushels of corn August the 19# 1837  
 Joseph H Broton twenty 29¢ of bocon [bacon?] at 10 cent a pound. Ceptember the 2 day the 1837.  
 Joseph H Broton 2 1/2 bushels of corn Ceptember 2 day the 1837  
 Elisabeth granger 1 1/2 bushels of corn & [torn] and 1 bushels of wheat Ceptember the 20 # 1837  
 Jackson granger 1 bushels of peas Ceptember the 20 the 1837  
 Joseph H broton 1/2 bushels of corn Ceptember 20 the 1837

On a modern sheet of paper:

James F. Churchill	—	Penelope Sugg
		married Freeman
	(half	— John T - Freeman
	sisters &	Charles F - Freeman
Wyatt L Churchill	brothers)	Sam - Freeman
Puss (James Penelope) Churchill		Mary - Freeman
boy ( <del>killed in war</del> ) [struck]		married
John Churchill (left home)		Henry Harper
Richard William Churchill		

Kit  
 Jim  
 Emma  
 Britt





## JAMES A. POLLARD BIBLE

Original in possession of L. Allen Churchill, lent to PCFR for copy and publication. Transcribed by Elizabeth Ross. Title page: *The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments...* NY, American Bible Society, 1870.

Back cover (inside):

James. A. Pollard. Book April 4th 1875  
William. Ann. Clark  
Annie s. Clark. I wrote this

Family Record:

Births:

Willie Ryan Pollard Son of William L. Pollard was born June The 21rst 18.98

Deaths:

JosephE. Pollard son of James A. Pollard & Alvania Pollard his wife died Nov. 25th 1881  
James A. Pollard son of James A. Pollard & Alvania Pollard his wife died March 4th 1882  
Willie. L. Pollard. son of James. A. Pollard. & Alvanie. Pollard his wife Died May. 29. 18.90.  
[added later in pencil: Gone but not forgotten]  
James A Pollard son of Benjamin Pollard and Pheeby his wife died May 23. 1899.

Marriages:

James. A. Pollard and Alvania Warren were married on the 15th day of Sept A.D. 1862  
William L Pollard and Mamie Tyson were married June the 5th 1889  
Tedie Pollard and Ida Mayo was married [no date]  
W. B. Fleming and Josephine Pollard Was married Dec 26.th 1907

Births:

James Marion Pollard Son of James A Pollard and Alvania his wife, was born on the 23d of July 1864  
William Laurenc Pollard son of James & Alvania Pollard was born May 28th A.D. 1866  
Willis Benjamin Pollard son of James & Alvania Pollard was born on the 8th of February 1868  
Nettie Estelle daughter of James & Alvania Pollard was born Feb 26 or 28 [overwritten] th 1870 [pencilled in later: 1868]  
Robert Henry the son of James and Alvania Pollard was born october 15th 1873  
Teady Pollard — son of James & Alvania Pollard was born Nov 20th 1871 [?]  
\_\_\_\_ie [illegible] Alander Pollard son of James & Alvanie Pollard his wife was born Feb \_\_th [illegible] 1876  
Joseph Edgar Pollard son of James A Pollard and Alvania his wife was born on the 4th of March A.D. 1878.  
James A. Pollard son of Benjamin Pollard and Pheebe Pollard his wife was born on the 4th of December A.D. 1829  
Lilion. Pearl. Pollard. daughter of James Pollard Alvainie his wife was born Oct. 17, 18.88.  
Alvanie Pollard Daughter of James & alvannie Pollard was born March 4th 1880  
Josephene. Pollard. daughter of James & Alvanie his wife was born December the 26th 1882  
James Edgar Pollard son of James & Alvanie his wife was born Dec 15th 1885

## FRANCES E. DANIEL LANGLEY BIBLE

Last known owner, Mrs. Elsie Langley Jones (Mrs. Albert M.), Washington, NC. Title page: *The New Testament of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*; NY, pub. Robert Sears, 181 Williams Street; 1856. Contributed by Nancy Pittman. Transcribed by Roger Kammerer.

Written by Frances E. Daniel — Thomas Langley's wife (son of David Langley, b. 1817).



David Langley the father of Thomas H. Langley was born March 10th 1817  
Pennie Langley the mother of Thomas H. Langley was born August 4th 1822  
Benjamin Daniel the father of Frances E. Langley was born September 19th 1796  
Margaret Daniel the mother of Fannie E. Langley was born April 18th 1806

#### Parents Register

Thomas H. Langley was born May 30th 1840.  
Frances E. Langley was born January 29th 1844.

#### Births:

David S. Langley was born April 13th 1867  
Benjamin D. Langley was born March 21st 1869  
Penelope E. Langley was born April 13th 1872  
Margaret L. Langley was born Sept. 24th 1876  
Fannie C. Langley was born September 7th 1879  
Thomas P. Langley was born Sept. 27th 1882  
Mary P. Langley was born Sept. 1st 1884  
Deborah E. Langley was born August 23d 1886  
Walter R. Langley was born August 5, 1895

#### Grandchildrens Births:

Robert B. Hatton the son of Edgar N. and Pennie E. Hatton was born August 2d 1890  
Hildred L. Hatton the daughter of Edgar N. & Pennie E. Hatton was born June 16th 1893  
Margaret F. Hatton the daughter of " was born July 12th 1896  
Martha J. Hatton the daughter of " was born June 5th 1898  
George T. Griffin the son of George W. & Pennie E. Griffin was born December 16th 1900  
William Asa Griffin the son of George W. & Pennie E. Griffin was born May 2d 1902  
Ada Corrine Griffin " was born September 10th 1904  
Norman B. Griffin son of G W & Pennie E. Griffin was born October 22d 1909  
Jesse L. Tilghman the daughter of J. W. and Mary P. Tilghman was born November 7th 1901  
Ernest L. Tilghman the son of " was born November 4th 1903  
Larry Tilghman " " was born May 9th 1906  
John Harvey Tilghman " " was born August 25, 1909

William M. Langley the son of Benjamin D. and Sarah E. Langley was born July 14th 1896  
Mildred M. Langley the daughter " was born December 12th 1898  
Thomas Edgar Langley " was born April 1st 1900  
David H. Langley " was born October 28th 1901  
Indiana Langley " was born February 1st 1904  
Harry T. Langley the son " was born January 30th 1906  
Benj. D. Langley son of B D and Electa Langley born July 17th 1909

Robert D. Ricks the son of Thomas B. and Margaret L. Ricks was born october 15th 1896  
Annie L. Ricks the daughter " was born September 19th 1898  
Hugh Ward Ricks the son " was born March 21st 1902  
Sophia L. & Fannie L. Ricks the daughters of Thomas B. and Margaret L. Ricks was born August 4th 1904  
Thomas B. Ricks Jr. son of T. B. Ricks Sr. and Margaret L. Ricks was born January 3d 1910

Simon P. Langley the son of David S. and Laura Langley was born December 12th 1897  
Maud Langley the daughter " was born August 19th 1900  
Willie May Langley the " " was born September 27th 1902  
Daisy Belle Langley the " " was born November 14th [?] 1904  
Thomas H. Langley the son " was born May 3d 1907  
Reba W. Langley the daughter " was born July 9th 1909

#### Marriages:

Thomas H. Langley & Fannie E. Daniel was married Sept 7th 1865  
Edgar N Hatton & Pennie E. Langley was married May 22d 1889



Benjamin D. Langley & Electa Teel was married July 28th 1895  
Thomas B. Ricks & Margaret L. Langley was married December 18th 1895  
David S. Langley and Laura Woollard was married January 24th 1897  
John C. Powell and Fannie C. Langley was married December 18th 1898  
George W. Griffin & Pennie E. Hatton was married December 12th 1899  
J. W. Tilghman & Mary P. Langley was married September 18th 1901  
B. F. Holland was married July 18th 1906 and Fannie C. Powell

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W. J. Parramore and Debbie Langley was married February 3d 1909  
Thomas P. Langley and Nettie Evans was married January 26th 1908

Deaths:

Edgar N Hatton departed this life February 20th 1899 aged 31 years 5 months & 13 days  
Thomas E. Langley the son of B D Langley and Electa Langley died January 20th 1901 aged 9 months & 20 days  
George Thomas Griffin the son of G W and Pennie E. Langley died September 12th 1901 aged 8 months and 27 days  
Harry S. Langley the son of B D and Electa Langley died November 15th 1908 aged 2 years 9 months & 15 days

Mrs. Fannie E. Langley mother & grandmother died Aug. 16, 1911 aged 67 yrs. 6 mo 17 days  
Mr. T. H. Langley Father & Grandfather died Nov. 26, 1912 age 72 yrs 5 mo 26 days

David Hamilton Langley the son of Benjamin David & Electa Langley died March 19. 1969

Belle Frances Powell the daughter of John C. and Fannie C Powell was born November 27th 1900  
Johnnie C. Powell the daughter of John C. and Fannie C. Powell was born April 19th 1903

Thomas P. Langley's family

Arthur P B Langley the son Thomas Pond [&] Nettie Langley was born December 4th 1908

David Hamilton Langley son of Elector Teele and Benjamin David Langley died March 19. 1969

W. J. Paramores family Record

Fannie M Paramore the daughter of W J Paramore and Debbie E. Paramore was June 9th 1910  
Joseph Thomas Paramore son of W J & Debbie E. Paramore oct 11, 1914

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## PETITION FOR RESURVEY OF GRANT, 1775

Taken from Petitions For Resurvey of Land Grants, Secretary of State Papers, S. S. 727.5, NC Archives.  
Transcribed and contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Petition for Resurvey on Thomas WORSLEYS Patent.  
Ord. a Resurvey March 1775

To His Excellency Josiah MARTIN Esqr. Governor and the Honorable The Members of His Majestys Council  
The Petition of Lazarus PEARCE of Pitt County.....Humbly Shewth,  
That Your Petitioner being Possessed of Part of a Patent Granted to Thomas WORSLEY the 8th Day of  
November 1723. On a Pocoson of Bear Creek and Disputes having arisen regarding the Bounds and Lines  
of the said Patent. Your Petitioner therefore on behalf of himself and others Interested in the said Patent  
Humbly Prays a Warrant of Resurvey to ascertain the True Lines and Bounds of the same  
And as in Duty Bound Your Petitioner shall ever Pray &c.  
March Court Claims 1775 Lazarus PEARCE

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# CANNON MARRIAGES, 1867–1900

From the original indexes, Pitt County Court House, Greenville, NC; transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

The Pitt County marriage bonds and certificates no longer exist, but the index books at the court house abstracted much of the information before the originals were lost or destroyed. If the information was not given in the original index, it is so indicated here as or “ng” or is simply left blank (as in the case of ages or witnesses, particularly). The mothers’ maiden names were rarely given, so in this transcription, the married names are not repeated.

Format:

Groom (age) ..... Groom’s parents: Father & Mother

Bride (age) ..... Bride’s parents: Father & Mother

Date of marriage. Township. Performing official

Witnesses [if given]

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Cannon, A. William (37) ..... W. C. Cannon & Argent P.  
Sugg, Sarah (18) ..... Henry Sugg & Charely [Charity?]  
Jan. 1, 1891. Swift Creek. Calvin Sh\_\_\_\_\_, JP  
B. A. Stilley, C. S. Sumrell, Spencer Brooks

Cannon, Alfred (24) ..... Thomas Cannon, Jr. & Polly  
Crawford, Siddle (20) ..... Ivey Crawford & Elizabeth  
Oct. 9, 1878. Greenville. Fred McGlawhorn, Min.  
Paul Herrington, James Herrington, M. Crawford

Cannon, Caleb ..... Thomas Cannon & Allie  
Cannon, Martha S. .... Caleb Cannon & Polly  
Dec. 29, 1869. Contentnea. Gideon Allen, Min.

Cannon, Chas. E. (23) ..... David Cannon & Mary  
Mills, Clemy (20) ..... Jno. Canady Mills & Mary  
Dec. 29, 1886. Chicod. Wm. M. Jones, Min.  
G. W. Hardee, J. B. Edwards, H. C. Edwards

Cannon, Dennis (23) ..... David Cannon & Mary E.  
Smith, Jackie A. (18) ..... Abram Smith & Malinda  
Apr. 2, 1885. Swift Creek. John Branch  
A. B. Garriss, E. C. Smith, T. C. Nelson

Cannon, Elias (22) ..... ng  
Summerill, Christainy (18) ..... Burton Sumerell & Patsey  
May 6, 1875. Swift Creek. Fred Harding, JP  
W. L. Best, Samuel Quinely, Franklin Bell

Cannon, H. C. (24) ..... Caleb Cannon & Martha S.  
Carman, Della E. (17) ..... E. C. Carmon & C.  
Sept. 22, 1897. Contentnea. J. R. Tingle  
J. P. Dawson, J. R. Farley, I. J. Frizzle

Carman [Cannon], Henry (22) ..... Louis Carman & Lota [should be Cannon]  
Vinson, Cilla (18) ..... James Vinson & Sarah  
July 8, 1880. Contentnea. R. P. Collins, JP  
T. C. Cannon, J. A. Hanrahan, W. F. Britt



Cannon, Hillry (25) ..... Thos Cannon & Mary  
 Tripp, Sarah F. (18) ..... Thos Tripp & Jackie A.  
 Sept. 18, 1884. Contentnea. Fred McGlohon, Min.  
 W. G. Garris, Henry B. Barber.

Cannon, Ivey (24) ..... Louis Cannon & Lotta  
 Porter, Emily (24) ..... Allen Porter & Berta Corbitt  
 Dec. 27, 1885. Chicod. John Branch, Min.  
 C. L. Patrick, D. N. Branch, C. B. Tripp

Cannon, James Franklin (22) ..... Isaac Cannon & Mary  
 Gardner, Martha (20) ..... Sylvester Gardner & Sarah Ann Bright  
 Aug. 20, 1875. Swift Creek. Lewis H. Wilson, JP  
 J. K. Worthington, John Moore, W. B. Bland

Cannon, James W. (20) ..... Wm. Cannon & Betsie  
 Jones, Susan ..... ng  
 Mar. 11, 1888. Contentnea. James E. Craft  
 Redding Tripp, Thomas Deal, Samuel Little

Cannon, Jas. E. (24) ..... Caleb Cannon & Martha S.  
 Carman, Mary Alice (17) ..... E. C. Carmon & Cornelia  
 Sept. 27, 1899. Contentnea. S. W. Sumrell  
 H. C. Cannon, Henry Pierce, W. H. Harrison

Cannon, Jas. O. (22) ..... David Cannon & Mary  
 Powels, Nellie (20) ..... ng & Clarinda Powels  
 May 11, 1898. Chicod. W. H. Laughinghouse, MG  
 D. C. Nobles, E. S. Sutton, W. B. Harper

Cannon, Jesse (29) ..... Thomas Cannon & Allie  
 Garris, Susan Elizabeth (18) ..... Richard H. Garris & Penny  
 Feb. 13, 1879. Swift Creek. Fred Harding, JP  
 Matthew S. Kittrell, S. B. Garris, A. T. Kinsaul

Cannon, John W. (28) ..... W. S. [Shadrack] Cannon & Harriet  
 Buck, Elizabeth (22) ..... Marshall Buck & ng  
 Nov. 27, 1877. Chicod. G. W. Venters, JP  
 Bill Buck, C. Tripp, Richard Buck

Cannon, John W. (35) ..... Thomas Cannon & Allie  
 Nelson, Mary A. (18) ..... Joseph Nelson & Eliza  
 Jan. 30, 1877. Swift Creek. C. C. Bland, Min.  
 J. T. Hellen, Amos Kinsaul, Richard Garris

Cannon, Joseph (22) ..... David Cannon & Mary  
 Avery, Betty (17) ..... Richard Avery & Martha  
 Feb. 19, 1891. Contentnea. T. N. Manning, Min.  
 J. J. McLawhorn, J. F. Dail, J. Z. McLawhorn

Cannon, Lewis (21) ..... Lewis Cannon & Todick [is this Lottie/Lody?]  
 Evans, George Ann (21) ..... Amos Evans & Patricia?  
 Aug. 21, 1884. Contentnea. John Branch, Min.  
 W. F. Hart, T. C. Cannon, JB Tripp





Cannon, R. C. (24) ..... Caleb Cannon & Mary  
 May, Sudie G. (23) ..... Sherrod May & Winniferd R.  
     May 30, 1883. Contentnea. J. L. Chestnutt, Min.  
     J. D. Cox, Lunsford Fleming, E. G. Blount

Cannon, Richard (23) ..... Erastus Cannon & Bettie  
 Stokes, Eva (20) ..... Ben F. Stokes & ng  
     Dec. 18, 1907. Swift Creek.

Cannon, Samuel (24) ..... David Cannon & Mary  
 Avery, Ada (19) ..... Richard Avery & Martha  
     Mar. 18, 1891. Contentnea. John Branch, Min.  
     J. F. Dail, Jonathan Dail, W. J. Branch

Cannon, Thaddeus (22) ..... Erastus Cannon & Bettie  
 Stocks, Lula (25) ..... Ben Stocks & Josephine  
     Dec. 31, 1912. Swift Creek.

Cannon, Thomas (23) ..... Jno. Cannon & Mary A.  
 Braxton, Lodi L. A. (23) ..... James Braxton & Martha  
     Nov. 22, 1894. Greenville. B. S. Sheppard  
     Jno. Braxton, W. B. Stokes

Cannon, W. J. (23) ..... J. W. Cannon & Elizabeth  
 Stokes, Bessie (20) ..... James A. Stokes & Mary  
     June 23, 1903. Swift Creek.

## JAPHET TYSON DEAD

A Good Patriarch Gone To His Reward  
*Eastern Reflector*, Fri., March 31, 1905

There is a sweet melancholly pathos in the thought of an old, honorable, upright, well beloved citizen passing away in peaceful sleep; One who has born the heat and burden of the day, living among the friends of the same community all his life, more than eighty years; living upon the same homestead from his birth, sharing the love and good will of all who came within his acquaintance, living the simple, plain, honest, virtuous life of a hardworking farmer, making a good living by work and economy, wronging no man of one penny, as living evidence of God's most loving approval.

At 3 o'clock Saturday morning, the spirit of Japhet TYSON took its flight in the unknown beyond. Peaceful and content he was ready to go when the Master called him home. Japhet TYSON was born in the year 1824, on the same plantation where he died on Saturday, 25th of March, 1905, being about 81 years old. He was twice married. His first wife was mary EVERETT, by whom there was born two daughters, both of whom are dead. The second wife Celia FLAKE who survives him, no children have been born by that marriage.

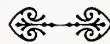
By hard, sober and steady perseverance he accumulated some estate. Scrupulously honest, he believed in rendering to Ceasar the things that are his, and to God the things that are God's. He was for many years a leading member of the Free Will Baptist church at Piney Grove near his home. Besides the estate he leaves behind obtained by his energy and economy he leaves a heritage of uprightness and honest integrity that is attested by all who knew him. Truly a good man has gone to his reward.

Isaac A. SUGG.



# OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES

Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## **Theophilus BLAND Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, July 22, 1896

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Theophilus BLAND, which occurred yesterday at his home, near Grifton. He was taken with a congestive chill and soon passed away.

## **Arch MCGOWAN In Fatal Accident**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Feb. 11, 1891

Mr. Arch MCGOWAN, a citizen of this township, was accidentally killed Monday morning. He left his home, four miles distant, on horseback intending to come to town. Just below PARKER'S Cross Roads, his horse stumbled and fell, throwing him off. In the fall, Mr. MCGOWAN'S neck was broken. Two persons riding along the road at the same time saw the accident. Mr. MCGOWAN was dead when they reached him.

## **J. L. W. NOBLES Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Aug. 22, 1894

Mr. J. L. W. NOBLES, an excellent citizen of Contentnea township, died Sunday night. He was buried Monday afternoon with Masonic honors.

## **Alonzo ADAMS Killed**

*New Bern Daily Journal*, Wed., Dec. 20, 1882

Last Saturday night, near Kinston, the horses ran away with the wagon with which Alonzo ADAMS, of Pitt county, was moving Dr. H. D. HARPER'S effects to Kinston, throwing ADAMS out and killing him very soon by the passage of the wagon over him.

## **Wade MOORE**

*Washington Progress*, Thurs., April 17, 1913

Mayor F. M. WOOTEN, of Greenville, acting coroner, went to Belvoir township to hold an inquest. There was a party in a schoolhouse out there. After the party two boys, Wade MOORE and Moses TYSON, both less than 17 years old, had a fight and TYSON is said to have struck MOORE across the temple with a strip of board.

## **Boys With Guns: One Accidentally Kills the Other**

*Eastern Reflector*, Fri., Aug. 5, 1904

A distressing accident occurred near Winterville, Saturday afternoon, in which a boy lost his life. Ollie KITTRELL, a son of C. T. KITTRELL and Louis CRAWFORD, a son of David CRAWFORD, both about 16 years of age, were out together shooting at the mark with a breech loading gun. While young KITTRELL had the gun young CRAWFORD happened to step in front of it just in time to receive an entire load from the gun in his left shoulder and was almost instantly killed. Young KITTRELL was almost wild with grief over the accidental slaying of his playmate. Both families are greatly distressed. The victim of the accident was buried Sunday.

## **George MCGOWAN Dead**

*Daily Reflector*, Wed., June 13, 1900

Mr. George MCGOWAN, a Confederate soldier died at his home a few miles from Greenville Tuesday with paralysis. He was about eighty years of age and had suffered from a stroke of paralysis for some time. His remains will be buried this afternoon on Mr. John MCLAWHORN'S place.

## **Ed SMITH Died**

*Daily Reflector*, Wed., June 13, 1900

Mr. Ed SMITH, son of the late John M. SMITH died Tuesday with consumption. He leaves a wife and one child. The remains will be buried this afternoon at Red Banks church about five miles from Greenville.



**Mrs. Pattie JOHNSON Dead**

*Daily Reflector*, Tues., May 12, 1910

Ayden Items.....Mrs. Pattie JOHNSON, Age 70, mother of Mrs. F. C. TURNAGE of our town, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. HART, near Ayden where she had gone on a visit. Mrs. JOHNSON had been living in Ayden several years and was a member of the Methodist church. The burial will take place today at Hookerton, services by Rev. G. C. VAUSE.

**Mrs. J. A. SUTTON Dead**

*Daily Reflector*, Wed., June 13, 1900

Mrs. J. A. SUTTON died at her home near Greenville Tuesday night with pneumonia. She had been an invalid for a long time. Sometime ago she took a treatment at the hospital in Baltimore and improved very much after her return home until she was taken with pneumonia and died Tuesday night. The remains will be buried this afternoon at Red Banks church below Greenville.

**George W. ANDREWS Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed. Feb. 21, 1894

Bethel Items, Feb. 19th....Mr. George W. ANDREWS, a soldier in the United States Army, who came home on the sick furlough Christmas, died at his brother-in-law's, Mr. Mc. G. FORD, on Friday night last. He was buried Saturday evening at the family burying ground two miles from Bethel, by the I. O. O. F. A large crowd attended his burial.

**Mr. John S. HARRIS Dead**

*Daily Reflector*, Wed., Oct. 31, 1908

We learn with regret of the death of Mr. John S. HARRIS, which occurred at his home in Falkland township on Tuesday, after a long illness. Mr. HARRIS was about 55 years of age, and is survived by one daughter and four sons. He was truly a good man, and one of Pitt county's very best citizens. Among his neighbors he was known as a man of exceeding kindness and generosity, and was never known to turn a deaf ear to an appeal for charity or help. He was one who loved uprightness, and his own life was marked with the highest honor and integrity. His death is indeed a loss to the county.

*(Obituaries continued next page)*

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## BROOKS FAMILY COURT NOTICE

*Eastern Reflector*, March 24, 1903

Pitt County, In Superior Court Before the Clerk

L. J. CHAPMAN, adm'r of Jacob BROOKS

VS

Spencer BROOKS, Sallie EDWARDS, Susan SMITH, Elsie HINES, C. C. BLAND, Annie G. TAYLOR, J. Z. BROOKS, Joseph COBB, James COBB, William BROOKS, Gus BLAND, Catherine BRASWELL, Jane BRASWELL, Wilks BROOKS, Barto BROOKS, Council BROOKS, Mary SMITH, Martha BROOKS, Richard BROOKS, Fred BROOKS, Lovie FRIZELLE, Susan GASKINS, John KINSAUL and Jane KINSAUL.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Pitt county to sell for assets a small piece of land in Swift Creek township belonging to the estate of the late Jacob BROOKS, and that the above named defendants are his heirs at Law, and the said defendants will take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt county on Saturday the 9 day of April, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. and answer or demur to the petition filed in said action or an order will be made authorizing the sale of said land.

This February 28th, 1903.

D. C. MOORE

Clerk Superior Court

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**Mrs. Elizabeth BRAXTON Dead**

*Daily Reflector*, Tues., Aug. 18, 1908

Ayden Items, Aug. 18th....Mrs. Elizabeth BRAXTON died this morning, having been confined to her bed for several months with cancer of stomach. She was taken to Kinston hospital some weeks ago, but nothing could be done for her. She was a splendid woman, a member of the Free Will Baptist church, was the widow of the late Teel BRAXTON, and leaves one child, Miss Cora BRAXTON, of Ayden.

**Jesse BRILEY Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., July 1, 1891

Mr. Jesse BRILEY, of Bethel township, passed away at his house on Monday about 6 o'clock. He was 74 years of age and a good citizen. Peace to his ashes.

**Julian MARSHALL Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Nov. 18, 1885

A letter was received yesterday morning by Mrs. Sallie MARSHALL, containing the information that her son, Mr. Julian MARSHALL, had died in Louisiana on the 8th inst. He lived in Greenville several years ago and we regret to learn of his death.

**Henry SHORT**

*Wilmington Journal*, Jan. 1, 1869

Died on Dec. 21, at his mothers residence in Nash County, while on his return home from Raleigh, Mr. Henry SHORT, member of the House of Representatives from Pitt Co., from heart disease.

**Davis J. RICH**

*Wilmington Journal*, Feb. 19, 1869

Died monday evening at his boarding house in Raleigh, Sen. Davis J. RICH of Pitt County. He was born in Vermont in 1829.

**John R. LAWRENCE Dead**

*Daily Reflector*, July 7, 1903

Died on July 4 in Portsmouth, Va., John R. LAWRENCE, brother of L. W. LAWRENCE, aged about 60. He left Greenville about 22 years ago and spent the last 15 in Portsmouth.

**Mr. D. D. Gardner Dead**

*Daily Reflector*, Mon., April 25, 1910

Mr. D. D. GARDNER died at 11:30 o'clock, Sunday night, at his home on Third Street, after an illness covering several months. He was 66 years of age, a native of Wilson county, and moved to Greenville some twenty years ago. Mr. GARDNER was twice married, his first wife being Miss Olivia DAVIS, of Lenoir county. By this marriage there were six living children, Messers. J. Z. GARDNER, of Greenville; W. D. GARDNER, of Snow Hill; A. D. GARDNER, of Oxford; Mrs. M. E. HAMILTON, of Wilmington; Mrs. H. O. ABBOTT, of Hamlet and Mrs. C. G. WHITEHURST, of Bethel. Some years after the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Willie WHITEHURST, of Martin county, who with three small children survive him. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. H. SHORE, the interment being in the Episcopal cemetery.

**Sanford GREGORY Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Tues., Aug. 13, 1899

Bethel Items, Aug. 9.....The mangled body of Mr. Sanford GREGORY who was run over by the train in Tarboro, yesterday morning, was brought down on the train last night to be buried here. He was buried this evening by the new graves of his father-in-law, Uncle Jacky BRYANT, and brother-in-law Elisha BRYANT.

**J. A. WILLIAMS Died**

*Daily Reflector*, Feb. 16, 1921

We received word of the death of J. A. WILLIAMS in Washington, D. C., age 60. He was a native of Pitt County and worked at the White House for the past 22 years. He leaves a wife and children and was buried in Washington, D. C. He was brother of Mrs. Ella GREENE and Mrs. Eva W. SATCHWELL.



**Mrs. Margaret M. CARRAWAY Dead**

*North Carolina Christian Advocate*, Raleigh, NC, Sept. 24, 1857

Died Mrs. Margaret M., wife of James F. CARRAWAY. She was born in Pitt County, married in 1851 and afterwards moved to Georgetown, S. C., where she died on June 14th in her 29th year. She was soon joined by her infant; Charlotte Ann Clementine, who died July 24th, being 3 months and 25 days old.

**Mrs. Catherine RANDOLPH Dead**

*North Carolina Christian Advocate*, Raleigh, NC, Jan. 2, 1857

Died in Greenville, N. C. on Dec. 20th, Mrs. Catherine RANDOLPH, 49, of apoplexy. She leaves two daughters and one son. She had been for many years a Roman Catholic, but lately took the Methodist faith.

**Fred TYSON Dead**

*Kings Weekly*, Dec. 16, 1902

Fred, 16 year old son of Harvey TYSON of Contentnea Twsp., died on morning of Dec. 15th from the effects of a fall he got Sunday. Fred and some other boys were riding mules. The one he was riding dodged and he fell off against a bush, being hurt in the side.

**Eli WILLIAMS Dead**

*Kings Weekly*, Oct. 30, 1902

Died in Farmville on Saturday, Oct. 25, Eli WILLIAMS. He was in an unstable mind for years and his business was in the hands of a guardian. He left a large estate.

**Mrs. J. O. POLLARD Dead**

*Kings Weekly*, Fri., Feb. 12, 1897

Died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. B. W. EDWARDS in Greene County last Sunday; Mrs. J. O. POLLARD of Pitt County. She was buried in the family burying ground in Beaver Dam Township.

**Infant CORBETT**

*North Carolina Christian Advocate*, Raleigh, NC, May 6, 1874

Died in Pitt County on Feb. 1st of croup, infant son of Walter and Elizabeth CORBETT, aged nearly 2 years.

**Mrs. Mary F. FORBES Dead**

*North Carolina Christian Advocate*, Raleigh, NC, Aug. 12, 1874

Died in Pitt County on July 4, Mrs. Mary F. FORBES, wife of Arthur FORBES and daughter of John and P. A. E. HEARNE, aged 34 years and 6 and 1/2 months.

**John C. JOHNSON Dead**

*North Carolina Christian Advocate*, Raleigh, NC, Nov. 3, 1880

Died Sept. 18th, near Greenville, Pitt County, from congestion of the brain; John C. JOHNSON, son of Frank and Olivia JOHNSON, aged 8 years, 7 months and 20 days. He was a great singer.

**John HANDY Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, May 10, 1893

John Handy, a well known colored man, died here last week.

**Orlando HEARNE Dead**

*North Carolina Christian Advocate*, Raleigh, NC, Nov. 25, 1885

Died near Greenville, Pitt Co., Orlando HEARNE, 47, son of John HEARNE. He leaves 10 brothers and sisters.

**Mrs. Margaret MANNING Dead**

*North Carolina Christian Advocate*, Raleigh, NC, Feb. 18, 1885

Died near Bethel, Pitt County, Dec. 12, 1884; Mrs. Margaret MANNING, wife of J. L. G. MANNING, aged 43, after a sickness of ten weeks. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in her youth. She said goodbye to her children and her husband before her death. Her oldest son is wayward and prodigal. McG. DAVENPORT, L. P., preached her service.





**Mrs. Mattie R. HEARNE Dead**

*Tarboro Southerner*, Oct. 11, 1877

Died in Gainesville, Florida on Sept. 16; Mattie R. HEARNE, wife of R. M. HEARNE, formerly of Greenville, N. C., late of Charlotte, N. C. and daughter of H. HOOKER of Greenville, N. C., aged 29 years, 9 months and 20 days.

**Mrs. F. M. COBB Dead**

*Tarboro Southerner*, Nov. 17, 1876

Died in Pitt County at her residence near Falkland on the 11th Inst., of liver disease; Mrs. F. M. COBB, in the 56th year of her age.

**James BROOKS Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Tues., Feb. 22, 1898

James BROOKS, a colored man living near Haddock's X Roads whose wife died this week, has been married over thirty years, and never had a doctor in his house till his wife was taken sick, a week before her death.

**William M. COX Dead**

*Tarboro Southerner*, Sept. 3, 1875

Died in Pitt County on the 5th Inst., William M. COX.

**Mrs. E. E. HART Dead**

*New King's Dollar Daily*, Greenville, NC, Jan. 16, 1904

Died Sunday afternoon at her home in East Kinston, of fever resulting from child birth, Mrs. E. E. HART. She leaves her husband E. E. HART and 5 children. She was buried in Kinston. She was the daughter of Mr. FORBES of Greenville.

**Both Lose Their Mother**

*Eastern Reflector*, Fri., June 23, 1899

Mr. and Mrs. Walter POLLARD, of this town, have just sustained a double bereavement. Mrs. Allen HARDEE, mother of Mrs. POLLARD, died Saturday night at her home in Contentnea township, and Mrs. Fannie POLLARD, mother of Mr. POLLARD, died Sunday night at her home in Farmville.

**Died Mr. McG. DANIEL**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Jan. 15, 1890

Mr. McG. DANIEL, a highly respected citizen of Pactolus township, died yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock. Mr. DANIEL had been a sufferer for some time with consumption from which he died. His bereaved family have our deepest sympathy.

**Mrs. Lewis IVES Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Aug. 2, 1893

Johnson's Mill Items.....Mrs. Lewis IVES died last Tuesday after illness of five weeks. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at St. John's Wednesday. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn their loss.

**Redmond CAESAR Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., April 5, 1893

Old man Redmond CAESAR, colored, commonly known as Red Blow, died in this town on last Thursday. He was 87 years old. For many years he followed the occupation of drayman and was a prominent figure about the wharf. In his prime he was the strongest man in the community and could lift a heavier weight than any competitor.

**Mrs. Mollie ROLLINS Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Fri., Feb. 18, 1898

Bethel Items, Feb. 15....Mrs. Mollie ROLLINS died Saturday night about 8 o'clock. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church Monday morning at nine o'clock by Rev. B. B. CULBRETH. Her remains



were then taken down in Carolina township and interred beside her late husband James R. ROLLINS. She leaves six children who have the heart felt sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

**J. D. COBB Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Jan. 8, 1890

Mr. J. D. COBB, an old citizen of this town who for several years had been an invalid, died Christmas day. His remains were interred in Cherry Hill cemetery the day following.

**Mrs. Salan COX Dead**

*Eastern Reflector*, Jan. 2, 1900

Winterville Items, Dec. 30, 1899....Mrs. Salan COX, Dr. COX'S mother, died at her daughter's, Mrs. Frank CARROL'S, Thursday morning, and was buried at Hancock graveyard yesterday evening. She was 72 years old and up to this short sickness has been visiting among her children from time to time. Her husband died about 8 years ago.

**Washington WOOTEN Dead**

*Tarborough Southerner*, Feb. 4, 1869

Died on Jan. 28th at his residence near Falkland, Pitt county; Washington WOOTEN, aged 53 years.

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## PITT COUNTY PLANTATIONS

The following letter appeared in the *Washington Progress*, Washington, NC, Tues., June 28, 1887. This interesting article names the farms between Washington and Greenville in the order in which they existed.



**Editor Progress:**

Your excellent article in this week's Progress relative to Washington's Needs for Railroad facilities contained one decided error. In discussing the most favorable line of Road you sagaciously prefer the one from Washington via Greenville to Wilson, but say, "while the country from Washington to Greenville is very poor and undesirable, it should be remembered that from Greenville to Wilson a more thrifty and energetic class of farmers cannot be found in the State." I am thoroughly acquainted with the farms and farmers on and adjacent to the road from Washington to Wilson and take the responsibility of declaring that from Washington to Greenville, no better farms and no better farmers are in North Carolina. If you take the road south of the river you pass the farms of W. H. PATRICK, J. T. WINFIELD, the GRIST farm, the STICKNEY farm, the SATTERTHWAITE place, the Joe SAUNDERS farm, Gen. Bryan GRIMES' farm, the WILSON farm, the William GRIMES' place, the TAFT farm, the John CHERRY place, the TUCKER farm, the BROWN farm, and Col. YELLOWLEY'S farm. These lands are all in high cultivation and are worked by men of intelligence, men of energy and men of wealth. If you take the road North of Tar River you pass, by the farms of Col. WHARTON, John GRIMES, R. R. FLEMING, the LITTLE place, the numerous PERKINS', DAVENPORTS', LANGLEYS', DANIELS' and others. Indeed right along that route lies the best corn producing section of the State excepting Hyde County and the cotton lands are excellent. Come up to Greenville next week on one side of the river and go home on the other and you will see the finest prospects for big crops of corn and cotton—the best evidence of intelligence and thrifty farmers—that ever you did see, With this additional inducement for the Road from Washington to Wilson we trust you will increase your most commendable efforts to arouse our people to a sense of their almost criminal supineness in such matters and rest not until the thundering echoes of the mighty engine steed and the shrill blast of steam struggles shall convince them that in truth and in fact their slumbers are over.

Very Truly,  
Andrew JOYNER  
Greenville, June 21, '87



# PETITION TO ANNEX TO MARTIN COUNTY, 1805

The following petition to annex part of Northern Pitt County to Martin County is found in the NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1805, NC Archives. The request to annex was rejected. Contributed by Leah McGlohon.



Petition of William ROGERS of Pitt County and others

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina  
Gentlemen your petitioners Humbly beg leave to represent to you the great inconvenience they labour under at this time in consequence of their Local situations living at the distance of Eighteen or Twenty Miles from their Court House and divided from the seat of their County by the waters of Tar River Trantress Creek and Flat Swamp which often prevents your petitioners from attending to their public duty in sd County on account of the overflowing of the above Creek and swamp and in the winter they are often completely frozen over. When should you in your wisdom pass act to annex tham to the County of Martin they would not have to have more than Eleven or Twelve Miles to Transact any of there public business and that on a pleasant Road without any waters to interrupt there passage. Your petitioners furthur state that there is but five familys thus situated and the part under consideration does not exceed fifeteen Hundred Acres of Land. Therefore your petitioners Humbly pray that you woul take their case into consideration and grant them relief by annexing them to the County of Martin and as in duty bound they will ever pray

Wm ROGERS Senr  
Jesse JOLLY Senr  
James EVERITT  
Hardy COLLE  
Everitt ROGERS  
Wm ROGERS Junr  
Mathew ORSBURN  
Thos E. CHANCH Junr  
Simon Geer? JONES  
Robert GURGANES  
Benjaman GURGANES  
Allen PERCEY  
Hennery CHANCH  
Noah GIRGANES  
Wm OZBIRN  
John KEEL  
Henry JOLLEY  
Wille GURGANES  
Manson WHIAKER  
Hennery HOLLADAY  
George ROGERS

Thos DANIEL  
John BRITTON  
Thos. JORDAN  
Samuel BARROW  
Wm EASTWOOD  
Wm CLEMENTS  
Joseph GAINER  
Josiah COLLINGS  
Charles HADDOCK  
John YOUBANKS  
John PAGE  
James HAYWOOD  
James BARROW  
Samuel ALBRITTON  
James LANGLEY  
Allen MOORE  
John ROLLINGS  
Jesse SHIVERS  
George KNOX  
Simon NOBLES  
Rebert SANDERS  
David KNOX

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## RUNAWAY BOYS

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., March 20, 1895

Two boys about 14 years of age, named Richard SMITH and Walter WILLIAMS, living in the section known as Fork Swamp, Contentnea township, packed up their belongings and run away from home on Sunday. Their fathers have heard nothing from them since.

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# CORONER'S INQUESTS

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## Inquest on William HATTAWAY, 1772

No Carolina Pitt County} An Inquest taken for our Soverrein lord the King at the Parrish of Sant Micels in the County of Pitt on the 30 day of Novmbr. 1772 In the twlve year of the Reign of our Sovereign Gorge The third by the Grace of God of Great Britian france and Ireland King defender of the faith & before Demsie GRIMES one of the Coroners of our Said Lord the King for the sd. County On vew of the body William Hattaway than and thare lying Dead upon the oaths of David AVERITT James BROWN James MAYO Wm. HOPKINS Biggers MOBLEY Abell THOMAS Benja. WINDOM Green WINDOM Walter MEEKS Wm. AVERITT David AVERITT Jr. Wm. NICHOLS Jr. Good and lawful Men of our sd. County duly Chosen and who being then and thare duly sworn and Charged at Inquire for our sd. Lord the King when how and by what means the said William HATTAWAY Came by his death do uppon their Oath Say that By the Evidences and Vew and all Surcupstances we sd. Jurrors Can geather that we beleve that Thomas HATTAWAY late of our said Parrish and County aforesaid did by Shouting at some turkeys the sd. William HATTAY did Receve Some Mortals Wounds He the sd. William HATTAWAY than and Thar Instantly died and so the Jurrors aforesaid upon thare oath do say that the said Thomas HATTAWAY Died by misfortune and agains the will of him The said Thomas HATTAWAY did Kill and Slay but what Goods and Chattles The sd. Thomas HATTAWAY had at that Time of the Killing and Slaying by Misfortune as aforesaid the Said Jurors Know not as being a Miner

Amos ATKINSON MJ {seal} acting Coroner  
David AVERET Foreman of the Inquest {seal}



## Inquest on Ann HARDEE, 1773

No Carolina Pitt County} An Inquest Taken for our Sovereign Lord The King at the Parish of Saint Micells in the County of Pitt on the fifteenth day of July in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign George The third by the Grace of god of Great Britian france & Ireland King Defender of the faith & before Demsie GRIMES one of The Coroners of our Said Lord the King for the said County On vew of the Body Ann HARDIE then and there Lying Dead upon the oath of William TRAVIS Isaac STOOCKS Simon BURNEY John STOOCKS John MILLS Pearson TUTEL James HANCOCK Abel DEAL George ALBRITTAN James BROOKS William BUCK and Nathanneel PETTIT good and lawful men of our said County duly Chosen And who being then and there Duly Sworn and Charged to Inquire for our Said Lord the King when how and By what meanes the said Ann HARDIE Came by Her death do upon their Oath Say that by the Evidenceys & Vew and all Surcumstances we Sd. Jurors Can Geather that we Believe that Thomas HARDEE late Our Said Parish & County aforesaid late Husband of The Said Ann HARDEE Not having the fear of God before His Eyes but Moved and seduced by the Instergation Of the Devil/ on the Seventh day of July in the year Aforesaid with force and arms in the parish aforesaid In the County aforesaid, on and upon the Said Ann HARDEE His Said Late wife in the Peace of God and of our Said Lord the King with his hands her the Said Ann HARDEE and upon her throat & feloniously wilfully And of his Mallice fore thought did Choake & bruse her The Said Ann HARDEE on the throat & of which Said Mortell wounds She the Said Ann then and there Instantly died or Suffocated, and So the Jurors aforesd. Upon their oath Say against the peace aforesaid Lord The King his Crown & Dignatey In witness where of As well the said Coroner and the Said william TRAVIS Foreman of the Said Jurors on the Behalf of himself And the Rest of his said fellow Jurors have to This Inquisition Set our hand & Seals the day year And place above mentioned.

Demsie GRIMES Cornr {seal}  
William TRAVIS Foreman {seal}





### Inquest on Cherry WHICHARD, 1774

No Carolina Pitt County} An Inquest taken for our Soverreign Lord the King at the Parrish of Saint Micels in the County of Pitt on the 4 day of december 1774 In the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Gorge The third by the Grace of God of Great Britian france And Ireland King defender of the faith & before Demsie GRIMES one of the Coroners of our Said Lord the King for the Sd. County on vw of the body of Chira WHICHARD than and thare lying dead upon the Oaths of John BRINKLEY John JONES Samuel BARROW John HODGES Joshua JAMES Lamuel JAMES James COPER William SMITH Kella CASON Odean OMERIAN John FLEMMEN Lazrus CHIARE Good and lawful men of our Sd. County Duly Chosen and who being then and thare duly Sworn And Charged to Inquire for our Sd. Lord the King When how and what means the Sd. Chera WHICHARD Came by his death do Upon their Oaths Say that by Evidences and vw and all Surcumstances we Sd. Jurors Can Geather that we believe that Cheare WHICHARD Was acidentally Smuthered and So the Jurors aforesd. upon thare Oths do Say Given from under our Hands and Seals.

Demsie GRIMES Cor. (seal)

John BRINKLEY (seal)



### Inquest on Joseph CONAWAY, 1774

No Carolina Pitt County} An Inquest taken for our Soverreign lord the King at the parrish of Saint Micels in the County of pitt on the 15 day of October 1774 In the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Gorge The third by the grace of God of great Britian france And Ireland King defender of the faith & before Demsie GRIMES one of the Coroners of our Said Lord the King for the Sd. County on vw of the body of Joseph CONAWAY Than and thare lying dead upon the Oaths of Edward SALTER forman James BONNER Richard GRIST Nathan GODLEY Jarol PALMER James WALL Thomas BARTLETT James BLOUNT Benjamin GRIST Aaron COX Christopher WHITE John SALTER Good and lawful men of our Sd. County Duly Chosen and who being Then and thare duly Sworn And Charged to Inquire for our sd. Lord the King When how and by what means the Sd. Joseph CONAWAY Came By his death do upon their Oths Say that by Evidences and vw and all Surcumstances we Sd. Jurors Can geather that we believe that Joseph CONAWAY Was actidentally Drowned and So the Jurors aforesd. upon thare Othes do Say

Given from under our Hands and Seals.

Demsie GRIMES Cor. {seal}

Edward SALTER Formn of sd Jury {seal}



### Inquest on James JONES, 1774

No Carolina Pitt County} An Inquest taken for our Soverreign lord the King at the parrish of Saint Micels in the County of pitt on the on the 30 day of August 1774 In the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign George The third by the grace of God of Great Britian france And Ireland King defender of the faith & before Demsie GRIMES one of the Coroners of our said Lord the King for the Said County on vw of the body of James JONES Than and there lying dead upon the Oths of James GOREHAM foreman William BRYANT Esqr. John BRINKLEY James WAINRIGHT Howel HODGES Roelin DICKSON Jesse JOLLY Simon EVERITT John JOLLEY Peter JOLEY George LITTLE Josiah LITTLE Good and Lawful men of or sd. County Duly Chosen and who being Then and there duly sworn And Charged to Inquir for our sd. lord the King When how and by what means the Sd. James JONES Came By his death do upon thare oths Say that by Evidences and vw and all Surcumstances we sd. Jurors Can geather that we beleive that James JONES by over drinking and lying in the Road In the Sun the liquer working on him That was the Cause of his unhappe death

Given from under our Hands and Seals.

Demsie GRIMES {seal}

James GORHAM formn {seal}







## Inquest on Samuel COLHOON, 1775

No Carolina Pitt County} An Inquest Taken for our Sovereign lord the King at the parrish of Saint micels in the County of pitt on the 6 day of february 1775 in the fifeteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign George The third by the Grace of god of great britian france & Ireland King defender of the faith & before Demsie GRIMES one of the Coroners of our Sd Lord the King for the County aforesd. on vew of the Body of Samuel COLHOON than and thare lying dead upon the oths of James GORHAM forman John BRINKLEY William BOALDEN John JONES Majer HARRISS John HODGES Simon POPE William NORCOTT Isaac LITTLE John EVENS William HARRISS Robert FLAKE Good and lawful men of our sd. County Duly Chosen and who being then and there duly Sworn and Charged to Inquire for our Sd. Lord the King When how and by what means the Said Samuel COLHOON Came by his death do upon their Oths Say that by Evidences and vew and all Surcumstances we Sd. Jurors Can geather that we Believe that Samuel COLHOON He being out of his Sences was Excerry to his own Death and So the Jurors afore Sd. upon thare oths Do Say Given from under our hands and Seals  
Demsie GRIMES (seal)

James GORHAM (seal)

## MOORE FAMILY HISTORY

The following are short biographies of members of the Moore family from Pitt County found in Goodspeed's Histories of Tennessee Counties. Contributed by Erin H. Moore.

### Martin MOORE

Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, Fayette and Hardeman Counties, 1887, p. 932

Martin MOORE, a prominent farmer of the Fourth District, was born April 11, 1819, in Pitt County, N. C., in which State his parents were born, raised and married. His father, William MOORE, while a resident of his native State, was a magistrate for a number of years, and a constable until he was forced to sell the household goods of a family. He was of so kind and sympathetic a disposition, that he resigned rather than perform such duties. He married Miss Frances FORREST, of English origin, by whom he had five sons and three daughters. In 1835 he moved his family to Tennessee, locating in the western district, Haywood County. He was a prosperous farmer and Jeffersonian Democrat. His death occurred in 1836, and his wife's in 1873. Both were Christian people, true and honorable, but never united with any church. The grandfather FORREST was a faithful soldier of the Revolutionary war.

### William B. MOORE

Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, Haywood County, 1887, p. 936

William B. MOORE, M. D., a well known and popular practitioner of Haywood County, was born in the county, September 15, 1835, and is the son of Alfred and Elizabeth (PHILLIPS) MOORE, both natives of North Carolina. His father was born in 1810, and in 1835 came to Haywood County, settling eleven miles south of Brownsville, and is still living. Dr. MOORE's mother was born in 1815 and died in 1848. After finishing his education Dr. Moore went to the medical university at Nashville to study medicine, in 1860-61, but the war coming on, he enlisted in it, and in the fall of 1865-66 he obtained his diploma at that university. In 1866 he went to the New Orleans Medical College, for the purpose of securing a more thorough knowledge of diseases peculiar to the south then returned to Haywood County and commenced practicing, locating eleven and a half miles west of Brownsville, and met with the most gratifying success. July 24, 1867, he married Miss Eliza J. HUDSON, a native of Hardeman County, born July 1, 1840. Unto this union were born seven children—four sons and three daughters—one of each having died. Dr. MOORE is a firm Democrat, and with his wife belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church. He is regarded as a well posted physician.



# RICHARD EVANS ESTATE, 1771

This record is found in the New Bern District Estate Records, DSCR 206.508.3, NC Archives. Abstracted and contributed by Roger Kammerer.



"State at the instance of John FRY Excr of Richd. EVANS decd.	}	Writ of Mandamus
VS	}	Ret May term 1786
The Justices of Pitt County	}	

The State of North Carolina

To the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Pitt Greetings

Whereas John FRY Executor of the last Will and testament of Richard EVANS deceased hath made on Affidavit before our Superior Court of law and Equity for the District of Newbern that the said County Court having appointed auditors to audit his accounts as Executor of the last Will and testament of Richard EVANS deceased a report of the said Auditors was returned to the said County Court in April term last. Whereupon at the same term this deponant conceiving injustice had been done him by the determination of the said Auditors Objected to the same being received and filed but the Court did nevertheless cause the same to be received and filed—that this deponant did thereupon pray an appeal to this Court but the Court refused to grant the same, and this Deponant further saith that he applied to the said Court again in June term following to obtain relief thereupon but the Court again rejected his application he again applied for an appeal to this Court but the court refused to grant him the same. We therefore being willing that due and speedy Justice be done Do reccomend you to send up a transcript of the record of the proceedings of your said Court in April and June terms last concerning a report of Auditors appointed by the same court to examine & report upon the accounts of the said Executor together with a copy of the said report to the next term of this court or shew Cause to the contrary.

Witness Silas COOKE Clerk of the said Superior Court & at Newbern this twentieth day of November in the Tenth Year of our Independence Anno Dom 1786

Silas COOKE"

"John FRY Excr of Richd. EVANS decd  
VS

The Justices of Pitt County }

The Report of John WILLIAMS Arthur FORBES and William BLOUNT  
To November Term 1789

State of North Carolina. Pitt County

To the Honourable the Judges of the Superior Court of Law for the District of Newbern

Mr. John FRY in his capacity of Executor to the Estate of Richard EVANS Esquire Deceased exhibited to us the Annexed Account and We in Obedience to the Annexed order have Audited the same and Report That the Eight first charges commencing September the 16th 1771 and ending May the 14th 1772 amounting to L 25.12.4 appear to be Supported. That the five Succeeding charges under the date of Septemr the 2nd 1777 amounting to L 208.5.0 aught to be Ballanced by the Hire of the Two Negro Wenches Abigall and Nell being the same credited for by Mr. FRY for Four Years and Nine Months Service at L 12 pr. Year and extended L 56. It having appeared in Evidence to us that the said Two Negro Wenches Abigall and Nell were put into the hands of the said FRY by George EVANS Esquire now deceased who was also an Executor to the Estate of the said Richd. EVANS and who while living was the Principal Acting one to the end that the use and Service of the said Wenches Abigall and Nell should compensate the said FRY for all the Charges purposes and Services charged under the date of September the 2nd 1777 and that Mr. FRY assented thereto. That the remainder of the Charges Commencing under the date of October the 3rd 1773 except the charge for Negro hire to repair the Mill and the last Charge for time and overlooking appear to be Supported they amount to L 29.6.5 That from the Evidence we received respecting the abilaty of the Negroes for which Hire is charged namely that one was a Boy the second a Common Fellow and the Third an old negro Wench which the said FRY purchased of the said Richard EVANS for Twenty Five pounds and is the same Twenty Five pounds that makes the first Credit in the annexed Account and from the Manner of their working it is our Opinion that Three Shills pr. day as charged by Mr. FRY is too much





and Two Shillings per day is Quite the Vallue of their Labour and finding so that it is our Opinion that in place of L 159.9 which is the amount of the whole of Mr. FRY's charges for negro Hire he oughtt to be allowed Only L 106.6 and that as to the last charge of L 50 for time and overlooking and directing It is our Opinion that it is not Supported by the Articles of Agreement and that it ought not to be allowed. That the whole of the sums by us allowed Amount to L 171.4.9 That by the Annexed account It also appears to us that the said FRY hath received sundry articles amounting to L 227.6 enclusive of the L 56 as before shewn to placed against the Debits under the date of September 2nd 1777 so that there appears to us to be due on the said annexed account from the said John FRY to the Estate of the said Richard EVANS the sum L 56.1.3 with Lawful Interest from the first day of July 1778 untill paid.

We further report that George EVANS the Son of the said Richard EVANS and at this time also an acting Executor to the Estate of his Father exhibited to us a Note of hand which is also hereto Annexed which note appears to us to be in the hand Writeing of John FRY and to have been by him Subscribed; upon it's being shown to him he answered he knew nothing of it and would not agree that it should be placed to his Debit and from the Antiquity of this Note which bares date January the 31st 1760 we feel ourselves at a loss to determen wheather it should be placed to his Debit or Not therefore Submitt that Charge to the Court. It is to be remarked that Richd EVANS aforesaid Marryd Miss COTANCH the only child of Michal COTANCH and that he the said Richard EVANS thereby became sole Legatee or Heair to the Estate of the said Michal COTANCH.

Given under our Hands and (torn) at Greeneville this 26th day of October 1789.

John WILLIAMS {seal}

Arthur FORBES {seal}

Wm BLOUNT {seal}"

The Court found that John FRY owed the estate of Richard EVANS, dec'd., 139 pounds, 12 shillings and 9 pence. John FRY objected and appealed to the Superior Court, which objections were rejected. This estate file has a long list of accounts given by John FRY. The following are some of the most interesting items in the accounts:

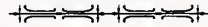
Sept. 2, 1777.....	To boarding and clothing Mary EVANS 3 years & 9 months at L 20. To boarding and clothing Eliz. EVANS 4 years & 9 months at L 20. To the maintaining of negro child Dublin 4 years & 9 months at L 3 per year. To the maintaining of negro child Abraham 4 years & 6 months at L 3 per year. To the maintaining of negro child Sarah 3 years & 6 months at L 3 per year.
Oct. 3, 1773.....	Then begun to work on Mr. EVAN'S sawmill & dam in Hardee's run & worked 180 days, finished the dam & other work myself, finding clothing, provisions & tools at L 3 pr. day.
Jan. 14, 1774.....	Paid Thomas MOSELY & Moab ROUNTREE for work on the mill. Paid Tinsley. To 135 days work on mill paid Thomas GRIMMER.
May 15, 1774....	To work on the mill 117 days.
Jan. 4, 1777.....	Began to repair the gates and gristmill worked 345 days.
Sept. 6, 1777.....	60 days work. Mill broke 26th day of March 1780 & worked on her 89 days.
Aug. 9, 1780.....	Worked on mill 80 days & finished. Paid Thos. GOFF smiths work Paid Reuben ROUNTREE & Frederick HARDISON Paid Robert Hodge for carriage wheels Paid Genl. Simpson for mill land L 17.13.6
date?.....	By 2 negro wenchs Abigal & Nell 4 years & 9 months at L 12 per year. The time of service commencing on or about the 20th of August 1770. By 1 negro Isaac 1 year hired of Geo. EVANS Exc. of Richard EVANS by agreement. By sundries bought at Vendue. By note of Elijah VEALS for the hire of a negro man. By 2 lots in Greeneville No. 10 & 92 drawn at the original drawing. By 21100 of lumber at 60 per m. being the one half of the lumber sawed at the mills while under my care agreeable to articles of agreement. By 105 barrels of corn at 13/4 being one half the toll. By 35 bushels of wheat at 5/.





# REV. WAR PENSION: THOMAS JENKINS

The following pension record is found at the National Archives, Washington, DC. Transcribed from photocopies of the original pension records on microfilm by Roger Kammerer.



"State of North Carolina Edgecombe County}

August Term 1832 Court of pleas and quarter Sessions

On this 29th of August personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now setting. Thomas JENKINS aged 74, a resident of the County of Edgecombe and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as herein stated.

He was born in the County of Pitt N. C. in the year 1754— the record he received from his father & mother Residing in the County of Pitt he volunteered and was put in a company commanded by Capt. Samuel BARROW with John THROGMORTON Lieut. This company was of the regiment of Col. SUMNER. He does not recollect the period at which he entered the service nor when he left it. He met his company at Greenville marched thru Smithfield to Salisbury and remaining there a short time we proceeded to Charlotte meeting a few skirmishing parties of Tories and returned to Salisbury and were discharged. He recollects to have seen Genl. SUMNER. This service embraced a period of five months.

Having remained for some length at home he volunteered and was put in the company of Capt. Richard REEVES whose Lieutenant was Saml. WARREN, Ensign Chas. WALDRUM. He went to Wilmington and on his march met Col. SHEPARD at Kingston N. C. and halted for some weeks. Then went into Hanover. He was in pursuit of Major CRAIG a British officer. He was in a skirmish at Longfield COXE's upon Neuse. This service embraced a period of Three months— Having returned home he was discharged.

In a short time he volunteered again for a term of two months and was put in the company of Capt. Saml. BARROW, with Saml. WARREN his Lieutenant. He belonged to the regiment of Col. SHEPARD. He went out after having embodied at Greenville under the general command of Genl. CASWELL to Smithfield and thence to the Western part of North Carolina and after spending the time for which he had engaged in pursuit of Tories returned to Greenville and was discharged.

He sustains the first clause of this declaration by the oath of John BRYAN who was with him. The second and third he is without any direct proof of. He hereby relinquishes all claims whatever to a gratuity or pension other than the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed

Thomas (his mark) JENKINS

I John BRYAN of the County of Pitt do hereby certify that I was with Thomas JENKINS in the service of the United States and believe the facts set forth in the first clause of his declaration to correct.

Sworn to and subscribed

John (his mark) BRYAN

We John BRYAN Edmond RICKS do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas JENKINS— That we believe him to be 74 years of age —that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed

John (his mark) BRYAN

Edmund RICKS

And the said Court as hereby certify the opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a soldier of the Revolution and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that John BRYAN and Edmod. RICKS whose certificates are herewith annexed are creditable persons and the statements entitled to full credit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office and do hereby certify that the above contains the original proceedings in the matter of the application of Thos. JENKINS for a pension.

August 29, 1832

Michl HEARN CC



North Carolina Edgecombe County} Feby Term 1833

In addition to the facts set forth in the proceeding declaration, Thomas JENKINS personally appeared in open court & deposes to the following facts—

That when he was called into service he resided in the County of Pitt when he was born— and he continued to reside there until the year 1790 when he removed to the County of Edgecombe N. C. and has continued to reside there until the present time.

He further states that he was unable to procure the certificate of a clergyman in consequence of none being convenient to him and his age and infirmities prevented him from taking the pains that were necessary to have enabled him to do so.

The declarant further states that his witness John BRYAN is confined to his bed at home with palsy, a distance of fifteen miles and that his own infirmities put it out his power to visit him for the purpose of obtaining a more full statement of his services with declarant.

Declarant further states that he did serve as herein stated for nine months as a private in the companies as stated in the declaration hereto attached and for this he claims from his country such justice as the laws has provided.

Sworn to and subscribed

Thomas (his mark) JENKINS

In testimony whereof I Michael HEARN Clerk of said Court do hereby certify that the above was sworn to in open Court and have hereunto set my hand and seal of office.

Feby 27 1833

M HEARN CC

Letter to J. L. EDWARDS, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City, from Spencer D. COTTEN.

Tarborough April 13th 1835

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 8th Jany past directed to Doct. John W POTTS, was duly received by this gentleman and handed over to Mr. Thomas JENKINS.

The Doct. removed to the west some time past and the poor old Soldier did not Know what Course to take to reinstate himself on the pension list.

Accident threw me a few days past to his humble hovel and I found him in much distress and affliction he has been Sick Since the 1st Jany and looks much like dieing very soon, he is destitute of the Common Comforts of life, having him lately depressed of which title property he had by executions and Sales.

It is possible he may recover, but from appearances I Should Consider it a miracle if he does. I was perfectly ignorant of his bounty being Suspended untill the day I was at his Cabin, his situation being to deplorable prompts me to address you in his behalf. Your letter before alluded to was handed me, and in enquiry of the old man how he should have made Such a mistake he says he Cannot account for it unless the Justice of the Peace Should have made the error, perhaps in writing BRYANs age at the same time which probably might have been Seventyfour. The facts are entirely unknown to me, but I believe allwho Know him have no doubt of his Serving in the Revolution how long or on what particular occasion I dont pretend to say.

Could the old man be reinstated it would be an act of Charity, and I sincerely believe he will not long require the aid of the Government.

Any Communication you may feel at liberty to make will have the attention required as soon as possible.

Very respectfully

Spencer D. COTTEN

P. S.

This is written at the request of the old man  
who I have no doubt is 83 or 84 years old S. D. C."

[Note: There is no family information given in these pension records. Thomas JENKINS was allowed a pension on his application executed on Aug. 29, 1832 and then lost it. There is a letter dated July 24, 1924 in the records to an Elsie M. CLANAHAN, of East St. Louis, Illinois, who had inquired about the pension of Thomas JENKINS.]





# PITT COUNTY BIOGRAPHIES

The following are abstracts of very informative biographies of Pitt Countians found in various publications. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## Zeno Lester EDWARDS

*North Carolina, The Old North State and The New*, Vol IV, NC Biography, The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill. 1941, page 172.

Zeno Lester EDWARDS, D. D. S.; b. September 27, 1890, in Pitt County, NC, was a son of William Thomas Jefferson Edwards and Jack Ann GASKINS. Jack Ann GASKINS, born in Craven County, NC, was a daughter of Thomas GASKINS, a farmer and Confederate veteran. The grandparents of Doctor EDWARDS in his paternal line were Mason EDWARDS and Susan STOKES of Pitt County. Mason EDWARDS was a Confederate veteran and a farmer by occupation.

Dr. Z. L. EDWARDS first attended private schools in Pitt County and continued his education in the Collegiate Institute from 1910 to 1914. He then matriculated at the University of Maryland as a dental student, graduating in 1917. In the same year he became a first lieutenant in the Dental Corps and he had previously joined the Reserve Corps. He was stationed at Camp Hancock and received his discharge on December 23, 1918.

When the war was over Doctor EDWARDS came to Washington, NC and for three years was associated in a dental practice with Dr. L. H. MANN. Since 1923, he followed his profession independently and his well equipped office was an indication of his success.

On November 29, 1924, Doctor EDWARDS married to Lucinda SIZEMORE, of Clarksville, Virginia, a daughter of Henry B. SIZEMORE, who was a farmer and merchant. The children of this marriage are Zeno Lester EDWARDS, Jr. and Lucinda EDWARDS.

The Doctor owned considerable farm land and he was widely known in this section of the state not only because of his professional activity but also because of the part which he had taken in the public life of the community. Politically he was a Democrat and represented Pitt County in the State Legislature. Fraternally he was a Mason and Mystic Shriner, an Elk and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He also served as chairman of the board of school trustees. Mrs. EDWARDS was a member of the Baptist church and a member of the Adisto Book Club. Doctor EDWARDS was a member of and past president of the North Carolina Dental Association.



## John Robert JENKINS, Jr.

*North Carolina, The Old North State and The New*, Vol IV, NC Biography, The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill. 1941, page 155.

John Robert JENKINS, Jr., an attorney at law practicing in Aulander, NC, was born April 27, 1912 in Pitt County, NC, a son of John Robert JENKINS and Lucy MANNING, also natives of Pitt County. Both the JENKINS and MANNING families were owners of a considerable amount of land and a number of slaves. The grandfather, John Thomas JENKINS, a planter and Confederate veteran, was a son of James JENKINS, a native of Martin County, NC. The last named was the great—grandfather of John R. JENKINS Jr., and his mother's great—grandfather was also a brother of James JENKINS. John Robert JENKINS, Sr., was a prosperous farmer of Pitt County. He married Lucy MANNING, who was a graduate of Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, NC, and who prior to her marriage engaged in teaching school. Mr. and Mrs. John Robert JENKINS, Sr., reared the three children of Joseph JENKINS, brother of J. R. JENKINS, Sr.. Being left orphans, they went to live with their uncle. When the two small daughters of Mrs. JENKINS' brother lost their mother in 1934 they, too, were taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert JENKINS, Sr.

John Robert JENKINS, Jr. was an only child and was educated in the schools of Robersonville, NC, graduating in 1928. He gained his Bachelor of Arts degree at Duke University in 1932 and his Bachelor of Laws degree from the UNC, Chapel Hill in 1935, in which year he was also admitted to the bar. Hearing that there was a good opening in Aulander, Bertie County, NC, he went there and established his





office. He was the only attorney of the town and he is enjoyed a good practice. On September 16, 1939, he married Miss Marjorie Elizabeth SMITH, of Robersonville, NC. John served as mayor of the town, and belonged to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Woodmen of the World, the Kiwanis Club and Ruritan Club. He had always been interested in music and was a baritone singer of ability, being often called upon to sing at local events.



### James Walter KEEL

*North Carolina, Rebuilding an Ancient Commonwealth, 1584-1925, Vol. IV, by R. D. W. Conner, The American Historical Society, Inc., 1929, page 322.*

James Walter KEEL, an attorney practicing in Rocky Mount, NC, was born on Nov. 1, 1875 in Carolina Township, Pitt County, NC, the son of Theophilus KEEL and Artemisia PAGE. His grandfather, Irvin Nathaniel KEEL, was born in 1793, and died in 1876 on his plantation which he had started in Carolina Township. There he was an extensive planter and large slaveowner, and a man of supreme importance locally.

Theophilus KEEL, was born on the Keel plantation in 1827, and died on it in January, 1890, having inherited it from his father. He, too, was a planter and slaveholder on a large scale, and he was a local leader of the democratic party, and held a number of political offices. In addition to his plantation he operated a country store, a saw-mill, a grist-mill, a corn-mill and a cotton gin, and was connected with practically all of the activities of his neighborhood. The village in which he lived was incorporated and was named "Keelsville" in his honor. Theophilus was a member of the Christian Church of the village, where he was its main pillar, and was the leading factor in the building of the church. When the Civil War broke out he joined the Confederate army and served from the beginning to the close of the war. He married Artemisia PAGE, who was born 1837 in Martin County, NC, and died on the home plantation in January, 1900. The following children were born to their marriage: William D. KEEL, who was a truck farmer, who died in Jacksonville, Florida, aged thirty-two years; Ella KEEL, who resided in Norfolk, Virginia, was the wife of Willis R. WHICHARD, a representative of Masonic bodies in Virginia; Lela KEEL, who died in Robersonville, NC, aged forty-five years, was the wife of Marcillus EVERETT, a merchant who died in the same place; John H. KEEL, who owned and operated the home plantation; X. Theophilus KEEL, who was a realtor and former merchant of Rocky Mount, NC; Attorney KEEL was the seventh child in order of birth; Susie Artemisia KEEL, who was unmarried, held a position in the agricultural department of the United States government and was a licensed attorney in Washington, DC; Magnolia KEEL, who was called Nolie, resided in Robersonville, NC, and was the wife of James Milton HIGHSMITH, a farmer and owner and operator of the moving picture theatres of that neighborhood; Charles H. KEEL, who resided in New York City, was a veteran of the World war, in which he was assigned to the Curtis Airplane Motor Corporation, and was stationed at Garden City, Long Island.

James Walter KEEL, attended the public and private schools of Pitt County, including the academy of Prof. Z. D. McWHORTER, a noted educator of his times, and the celebrated academy of Frank WILKINSON of Tarboro, graduating in 1897. For the next two years James was engaged in the merchantile business at Mount Olive, NC, with his brother X. Theophilus KEEL. Mr. KEEL then took a competitive examination in Washington, DC for a position in the railway mail department of the United States government, and was appointed to one in the office of the general superintendent of the railway mail service, in the Post Office Building, Washington, DC. While there he has charge of all the government stationery and supplies furnished for the operation of the railway mail service for two years, after which he was transferred to the railway mail service, and for one year had the run between Washington, DC and Fayetteville, NC. In the meanwhile James had begun to read law in Washington, DC, and continued his studies in the offices of Col. A. C. DAVIS and M. T. DICKINSON of Goldsboro, NC. In August, 1908, he was admitted to the bar, and immediately thereafter began to practice in Rocky Mount, NC. He was a man of large means owning ten business buildings and twenty dwellings in Rocky Mount, and a portion of the home plantation in Pitt County. In 1909, James was given special recognition as an attorney by his appointment as special attorney for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, which position he held until 1914. In political faith he was a democrat and was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Rocky Mount. He also belonged to Golden Belt Lodge No. 163, I. O. O. F.; Rocky Mount Lodge No. 84, K.



of P., of which he was a past chancellor commander; Rocky Mount Camp, M. W. A., of which he was a past consul; the Rocky Mount Bar Association and the North Carolina State Bar Association.

Mr. KEEL married on July 24, 1913 near Spartanburg, SC to Miss Frances CLARK, a daughter of Marvin Garner CLARK and Alethia CARPENTER. Mr. CLARK died in Spartanburg County, SC, in January, 1921, having been a very successful planter. Mrs. CLARK survived and made her home with her children. Frances was a graduate of Converse College, Spartanburg, SC with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. and Mrs. KEEL had three children: James Walter, Jr., Page Clark, and Frances Alethia KEEL.



### Lafayette WORTHINGTON

*North Carolina, The Old North State and The New*, Vol IV, NC Biography, The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill. 1941, page 259.

Lafayette WORTHINGTON, a lifelong resident of Pitt County, was born March 4, 1869, the son of Isaac WORTHINGTON and Pennie BIRD. Isaac WORTHINGTON, who was born in Pitt County about 1811, attended a private school and then began farming on a tract of 100 acres of land. At his death, which occurred about 1871, he was the owner of 250 acres. Politically he was always a Democrat. His wife, Pennie BIRD, who was born in Pitt County in January, 1807, was educated in private schools and died in 1879. They had a family of six children: Emma; Alfred; Toban; Susan, Ambrose; and Lafayette WORTHINGTON, whose name introduces this record.

Lafayette WORTHINGTON was educated in private schools and began farming on the old home place has added to his original holdings until he owned and cultivated 1,050 acres.

Mr. WORTHINGTON was married March 28, 1898, to Mary DAIL, a daughter of Elias DAIL and Allie MCLAWHORN. Mary DAIL was born in Pitt County, NC, January 24, 1877, attended public schools of the county and continued her education in the Carolina Christian College at Ayden. Mr. and Mrs. WORTHINGTON were the parents of three children: Ruby; Chester, who was married and had three children, Mary Elizabeth, Allie Sue and Chester Donald; and Harry WORTHINGTON.

Mr. WORTHINGTON was a Democrat in his political views and both he and his wife were members of the Free Will Baptist Church.



### Rippon W. WARD

*North Carolina, Rebuilding an Ancient Commonwealth, 1584-1925*, Vol. III, by R. D. W. Conner, The American Historical Society, Inc., 1929, page 308.

Rippon W. WARD, a US Marshal for the eastern district of NC, headquartered in the Federal building in Raleigh, NC, was born in 1870 in Pitt County, the son of Fernando WARD and Julia P. MOORE. His parents were both members of the Christian Church and his father was a private soldier in the Civil War and later served as Registrar of Deeds of Pitt County. Rippon W. WARD was the oldest of eight children. He grew up on a farm, attended public schools and the Davis School at LaGrange, NC. He began his career as a farmer and was active in the Republican Party in eastern North Carolina. In 1906, he was appointed a deputy US marshal at Raleigh, NC, serving until 1913 when he retired from the marshal service. He then engaged in the shoe business in Raleigh until he was appointed US marshal for the eastern district of NC in 1922.

Rippon W. WARD married in 1919 to Miss Alice EDWARDS, a native of Franklin Co., NC. She became a trained nurse by profession. Mr. and Mrs. WARD reared his niece, Penny Ward MOORE. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### ELOPED

*Washington Progress*; Tues., Nov. 29, 1887

"Information has reached us that Mr. Wm. NELSON, of Bethel, and a girl of only thirteen ran-away and were married some days ago."





# PETITION TO ANNEX TO MARTIN Co., 1795

The following petition to annex part of Pitt County to Martin County is found in the NC General Assembly Session Records, Dec. 1794-Feb. 1795, Petitions, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



To the Honorable General Assembly of the State of No Carolina

The Petition of sundry inhabitants of Pitt County sets forth that your Petitioners labour under considerable disadvantages in consequence of having Tar river to cross in geting to the court house of said county which River together with its low grounds makes it inconvenient and disagreeable and troublesome fer your Petitioners to attend courts, General Musters, and other Public meetings in said county, which grievances will greatly be relieved by adding that part of Pitt county to Martin beginning where the south end of the annexed line of Edgecombe county intersects the old dividing line between Martin & Edgecomb running from thence to the head of Bryer swamp then down along the said swamp to the long marsh on said swamp below Joseph GRAYS then an East course to Tranters Creek thence up the said creek to the Martin county line all which your Petitioners humbly Pray

John (his mark) WARD  
Joseph GRAY  
Reuben GREGORY  
Isaac (his mark) COOPER  
William (mark) PURCY  
John (a mark) PURCY  
Isaac KNOX  
Christopher CRANDELL  
Jesse PERCY  
Booz CLIFTON  
Isom JOLLEY  
John YOUNG  
William JOLLEY  
Joyn PAYE  
James TAYLOR  
Josiah CALLENS  
John RAUS  
John BRITTON  
Allason KNOX  
George CLEMENTS  
James JASON  
Jordan WARD  
Thomas CHANCE

Edmun ANDREWS  
Richard WHITEHURST  
Wallis ANDREWS  
William PAGE  
Peter MARTIN Seniore  
Peter MARTIN Juniore  
Jonathan ETHERIDGE  
Edmon MARTIN  
John MARTIN  
Malachi ETHERIDGE  
John MATHES the?  
William ROGERS  
Evert ROGERS  
John SMITH  
Peter JOLLEY  
William HAYWOOD  
William YOUNG  
Swain WARD  
William CLEMENTS  
Charlton CLEMENTS  
William WARD  
John WARD  
James EVERITT

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## ESTATE OF THOMAS BLOUNT

Beaufort County Partitions & Divisions. NC Archives

Abstract by Elizabeth Ross

Thomas BLOUNT, dec'd., died intestate.

Sons of the said Thomas make Petition for Division:

Mitchael BLOUNT,  
Thomas BLOUNT,  
& younger brother, a minor, not named.

Dec. Term 1794

Chas. SMALLWOOD pro Compt

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# NC SUPREME COURT: HANRAHAN VS. PUGH

The following is an abstract of Supreme Court Case # 1952, James Hanrahan and wife Vs. William Pugh, Pitt County, 1832, located at the NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



“State of North Carolina

To the worshipful the Justices of Pitt County Court. The Petition of Sarah CANNON and of Mary CANNON an infant by Shadrach P. ALLEN her next friend Shewth that Shadrach A. CANNON Late of Pitt County died intestate in the year One thousand eight hundred & fourteen, leaving your petitioner Sarah his Widow, and your petitioner Mary his only child, entitled to distribution of his estate. Administration on the estate of said intestate was in the same year granted by your Worships to William PUGH Esq. of Pitt County, who by virtue thereof took into his possession the personal estate of said intestate, consisting of Slaves, Cattle, Horses, hogs, farming utensils, crop of grain and various other articles to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars or some other large amount, which property and the profits thereof, as well as the monies the proceeds thereof and also monies collected for debts due the intestate, the said William PUGH has retained in his possession, using, employing & enjoying the same, and deriving great gains therefrom. Your petitioners since the lapse of two years from granting said Administration have in a friendly way applied to the said PUGH, and desired an Inventory and account of his Administration, and that their respective shares of said property should be paid to them respectively, or be secured for their benefit, but with these requests the said PUGH has on various frivolous pretences refused and still refuses to comply. To the end therefore that the said William PUGH may upon his oath true answer make to the matters herein charged— that he may set forth a full and particular inventory of the property of his Intestate the said Shadrach A. CANNON of which he died possessed or entitled to, and which the said PUGH has received or which but for his neglect he might have received, that he may exhibit a just account of his disposal and management thereof, and of the issues and profits thereof; that he may declare whether he has not used the monies of his intestate to his own purposes either in paying debts, purchaseing property, lending it out or otherwise, so as thereby to make interest and other great gains; that he may be decreed to pay to your petitioners the sum due them respectively or such account, as well interest as principal, and that they may have such other and further relief as the nature of their case may entitle them to. May it please your worships to grant your petitioners a writ of Subpoenae directed to the said William PUGH, commanding him to appear at the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for Pitt County on the first Monday of February to answer the premises and to abide and perform such order & decree therein as to your Worships shall seem meet.

And your petitioners shall ever pray.

J. STANLY Attorney for Petitioners

Endorsed Pet filed Decr. 1822

A True Copy Reading S. BLOUNT C.S.C.”

“James HANRAHAN and Wife & others} Pitt Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1829  
Vs.

William PUGH

The Plaintiffs except to the report of the commissioners made in this cause for that

- 1st. They have charged the Defendant only \$20 pr Anum for the rent of Land for three years, which in fact he rented the same for \$30 pr annum and recd. that sum.
- 2nd That they have allowed the Defendant a credit for the whole amot. of a Judgment in favour of the State Bank vs. the Exr. of S. A. CANNON for \$1837 & inst. when he should have been allowed only the half of that sum, the same being the Debt of Joel PATRICK with S. A. CANNON & William PUGH the Defendant securities.
- 3rd They allowed the Defendant a credit for the sum of \$600 with inst. thereon a Judgment in favour of the State Bank when he should have been allowed only the one half of said sum, Joel PATRICK being the principal debtor therefor and S. A. CANNON and the same paid by Sheriffs sale, yet the Defendant PUGH thereby became indebted to his Testator for one half thereof and is accountable to



his distributies therefor, And the same should go to the payt. of the Debts to be due the Defdt. from his Testator in his life time as well as the liquidation of his commissions

4th That they allow the Defdt. commissions on \$11371 at the rate of 5 pr ct when they should not have allowed him any commissions on the sum \$7629.42 the proceeds of the sale of negroes made by the Sheriff.

J. R. LLOYD Atty for Ptiffs

A true Copy Reading S BLOUNT C.S.C."

"The Plaintiffs in the case offers evidence all the proceedings in the suit instituted by Sally CANNON and Mary CANNON, now Sally HANRAHAN, against William PUGH, which suit was brought for settlement of the estate of Shadrack A. CANNON dec'd. The Plaintiffs also offer in evidence the proceedings of the County Court in a suit instituted by James Hanrahan and Wife against William PUGH for a settlement of the estate of Shadrack A. CANNON dec'd."

Shadrack A. CANNON died on July 2, 1815.

Deposition of Joseph W. WORTHINGTON, Mar. 9, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says Mrs. Sally CANNON was the widow of Shade A. CANNON. She had a brother John ALLEN. She asked her brother John ALLEN, when he returned from Alabama, about an affidavit he had given William PUGH, but John said he ought not have done it.

Deposition of Shadrack P. ALLEN, Mar. 9, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says he is the brother of John ALLEN. Shadrack says he was under the impression that he heard William PUGH and Shadrack A. CANNON about 1813/1814 say that CANNON was to pay upwards of \$600 on account of John ALLEN who owed that sum on settlement to William PUGH. About one or two years before Shadrack A. CANNON died, Major PUGH sent Shadrack P. ALLEN to see CANNON for some money and CANNON appeared to be displeased and said that he did not owe William PUGH as much as he thought.

Deposition of Rachel PUGH, Mar. 9, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says she heard John ALLEN say he owed William PUGH and he would be oblidged to sell his negroes to pay him. John ALLEN went to Shadrack A. CANNON's to see if he would buy his slaves. CANNON went to New Bern to get the money he owed William PUGH, but returned without it. Sometime later Major PUGH sent Shadrack P. ALLEN to get money from CANNON, but he did not have any. The negroes went away from Major PUGH's and went to Shadrack A. CANNON's.

Deposition of Polly KENNEDY, Mar. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says that Rachel PUGH is not a person of truth. There were no quarrels between them, but says "there are others I like better."

Deposition of Simon BURNEY, Mar. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says he has no right to disbelieve Rachel PUGH because he had never heard her swear. He says people think badly of Polly KENNEDY about her telling things that are not so. William PUGH is my uncle and Sally HANRAHAN is my cousin.

Deposition of Zilpha BLOUNT, Mar. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says that Rachel PUGH has a bad character. They were not on friendly terms because of a misunderstanding between them.

Deposition of John H. BURNEY, Mar. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says he is cousin of Rachel PUGH and Mrs. Sally HANRAHAN. He is a nephew of Major PUGH. Says he would trust Rachel PUGH on her oath, but not Polly KENNEDY.

Deposition of Bryan KILPATRICK, Mar. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says that Rachel PUGH is accused by some of the neighbors of not telling the truth, but I could trust her





oath. He has known Polly KENNEDY ever since he moved into the neighborhood. William PUGH is my uncle and Mrs. Sally HANRAHAN is my cousin. I have heard Rachel PUGH and her sisters say they were not friendly with Polly KENNEDY.

Deposition of Marshall DICKINSON, Mar. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he heard Mr. PUGH say that Shadrack A. CANNON and John ALLEN met at PUGH's house to arrange a debt of \$600 or more.

Deposition of Lewis BURNEY, July 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he was a constable from 1814 to 1815. He knew William PUGH was hard pressed for money for about five years. William PUGH wrote him asking for money since PUGH's property was in danger then of being sold for debt. William PUGH is my uncle and Sally HANRAHAN is my cousin. He had heard from the neighborhood that Polly KENNEDY tells untruths, but doesn't know of it. He would trust her oath.

Deposition of Isaac JOYNER, July 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he lived with Shadrack A. CANNON in the fall of 1813. Dr. ALLEN came to Shadrack A. CANNON's in Oct. or Nov. 1813 and they went to William PUGH's house and stayed all night. The next day Shadrack A. CANNON came back and had bought a negro woman Lydia and two children from ALLEN for about \$600 on credit.

Deposition of John F. SMITH, July 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he has known Major PUGH a long time and knew he was needy of money. He says he has been at Polly KENNEDY's father's house, but didn't particularly know her. He would believe her oath.

Deposition of Hardie SMITH, July 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he was 18 years old in 1814. He understood that Mr. PUGH was hard pressed for money in 1813—1815. He was well acquainted with Polly KENNEDY and her character was as good as any of the neighbors.

Deposition of Jacob BLOUNT, Aug. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he had been acquainted with Polly KENNEDY for five or six years, having frequently visited her father's house and conversed with her. He would trust her oath.

Deposition of Frederick JOHNSON, Aug. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he knew Polly KENNEDY for about seven to eight years, he living about a mile or more from her father's house. He would trust her oath.

Deposition of Pamela JOHNSON, Aug. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says she held considerable amount of debt against William PUGH in 1810—1811 for about \$2,300. They were about to purchase a 50 acre piece of land from Guilford MURPHY and declined it in consequence of knowing William PUGH's inability to pay the amount of the note without selling property. She lives a little over a mile from Miss Polly KENNEDY and frequently walk over to her house. She would not doubt her oath.

Deposition of John C. PATRICK, Aug. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he is the son of Joel PATRICK. Joel PATRICK held a note against William PUGH for over \$1000 about 1810—1811 and he indulged on the note for several years. Mr. PUGH let Joel PATRICK have 25 acres at \$15 an acre and could never get the balance of the note.

Deposition of William MURPHY, Aug. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.

Says he heard Rachel PUGH say she wasn't friendly with Polly KENNEDY. His mother and sisters have not visited with Polly KENNEDY for some months. Something happened between Polly KENNEDY and Murphy's sisters at a Ball. That Polly KENNEDY said something to William about his sister, Nancy MURPHY, and he went home and told Nancy and she "told me to clear out she did not care what Miss Polly said."



Deposition of Allen PATRICK, Aug. 10, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says he knows that Rachel PUGH and Polly KENNEDY were unfriendly towards each other.

Deposition of Guilford MURPHY, Aug. 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says he was born and raised within about four miles of Polly KENNEDY and they grew up together. He would trust her oath.

Deposition of William WOOTEN, Aug. 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says he lived in the neighborhood of Miss Polly KENNEDY and he would trust her oath.

Deposition of Council WOOTEN, Aug. 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says he lived about five miles from Miss Polly KENNEDY and he frequently visited her father's house. He would trust her oath.

Deposition of Allen CHANCE, Aug. 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says he lived about six miles from Mr. PUGH. He heard that from 1812 to 1815 Mr. PUGH was hard pressed for money. Shadrack A. CANNON died about 1815.

Deposition of Frederick JOHNSON, Aug. 20, 1831, before Archibald PARKER, J. P.  
Says that Major PUGH gave him his notes that were due in 1814, 1815 and 1817. The notes were settled by Frederick's mother by her buying a tract of land.

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## FLORIDA CRASH IS FATAL TO PITT AND FUQUAY MAN

*Farmville Enterprise; Fri., Dec. 23, 1938*



"Greenville, Dec. 21. — Charlie NELSON, 27-year-old Pitt County resident, was killed instantly and his brother, Elmo Lee, is not expected to live, as a result of an automobile-truck crash near Live Oak, Fla., last night about 8 o'clock. Lennie WHITTINGTON, 40, of Fuquay Springs, riding with the Pitt men, also was killed.

Brown NELSON, a third brother, and Thomas GREY, another Pactolus resident are confined to Griffin Hospital in Valdosta, Ga., but their injuries are not regarded as serious. Elmo Lee is in the same hospital. C. A. NELSON, father of the dead and injured Nelson men, left today for Valdosta to be with his sones.

Funeral arrangements for Charlie NELSON have not been completed, pending the outcome of Elmo Lee's condition. Nelson's body will be returned to Pitt county.

The accident occurred on a highway between Valdosta and Live Oak, Fla. The automobile, believed to have been driven by Charlie NELSON, is said to have struck a truck laden with pulp wood. It is understood that the truck had been left parked on the highway without a rear light. Both motor vehicles were badly damaged.

A farm was purchased in Valdosta recently by the NELSON family. The Pactolus men left last Sunday to make arrangements for moving the family to the Georgia home.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. NELSON, surviving Charlie NELSON are five brothers, Willie B., Lacy, Guy, Roy, Elmo Lee, and C. A. NELSON, Jr., and two sisters, Lola Mae and Annie E. NELSON, all of the Pactolus community."







# LITTLE GIRL GOES TO FARMVILLE IN 1870

The following article is from the *Farmville Enterprise*, May 24, 1940. It was written by Mrs. Josie Joyner McArthur (1864-1958) wife of Charles William McArthur and daughter of Calvin Joyner and Mary Ballard. This article is a wonderful historical record of relationships and locations of houses from near Ballard's Crossroads to Farmville, Pitt County. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



"When Father had ordered our drive horse, Jack, hitched to the "top buggy" and we were snugly tucked in , brother and I in the foot, from which we could see everything our youthful minds might take in by peering over the dash, we headed South for Farmville.

The first place we passed was the home of our aunt, Mrs. William BELCHER, about three or four hundred yards father on was the home of J. T. SMITH, later to become Sergeant SMITH, of Greenville, here we found a cousin , Mrs. SMITH.

Across the branch a quarter of a mile or a little more, we came to the home of William McARTHUR, an uncle by marriage. Reaching the crossroads and turning right we passed next the home of J. L. BALLARD, an uncle; Mrs. BALLARD, a neice of my mother by her first marriage.

Farther on across the creek, just ahead, was the home of Moses JOYNER, a cousin. On another half mile was the home of Mrs. Mary Ann ANDERSON, a cousin. Mrs. ANDERSON was the widow of Laurence ANDERSON, a Captain in the Confederate army. The next house on the left, well back from the road, was the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Moye EASON. Set well away from the road in a grove of fine oaks at the crossroads on the left we see the house of William LANG and his wife, Mrs. Priscilla Moye LANG, a cousin.

Jogging along at a leisurely pace, turning to the right, we passed on the right Aaron TURNAGE' home, a cousin; farther on still on the right way back from the road is the house of Moses TURNAGE, a cousin. Next, on this most pleasant journey, we passed the home of Albert CARR, a cousin. Not far ahead we see on the left the home of Robert TURNAGE, mother's nephew by her first marriage.

A bit farther on still to the left we see the home of Mrs. Betsey DUPREE and her sister, Mrs. Eliza MOYE, a cousin, this home is on our right, and just a little way ahead on the left is the home of William FLANAGAN. Each home excites our juveline interest and we ask again and again, "who lives here?"

Soon we spy a home fare back from the road on the left, the home of Mrs. Lucy MOORE, and nearby on the right is the home of Thomas FLANAGAN. Next, well away from the road is the home of William JOYNER, his wife a cousin. Now, far ahead is the home of Mrs. Susie JOYNER. The beautiful plot of pasture land across the road in front is still a joy to the eye. Away from the road on the right is the home of William SMITH, Mrs. SMITH a cousin. Nearby but well off the road on the right lives Eli WILLIAMS, Mrs. WILLIAMS, a cousin.

Next and not far away on the right was the home of Jahob JOYNER, a cousin, we were then only one mile from Farmville".



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## DIED.

*Tarboro Southerner*, Mar. 28, 1872

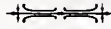
"Suddenly in Charlotte, N. C., March 1st, 1872, Mrs. Jane C. WARD, aged 76 years, 2 months and 8 days. She was the widow of the late Dr. Francis WARD and daughter of John and Penelope STUART, who settled, on coming from Scotland to this country, at Daly's Hill on the Roanoke river, Martin County. In the Provincial Congress assembled at Hillsboro in August, 1775 and subsequently represented Martin in both Houses of the Legislature.

Deceased had been of many years a faithful member and ommunicant of the Prot. Ep. Church and was dear to all who knew her."

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# PITT & RELATED COUNTY WILLS



SARAH CANNON, 1733

Transcribed from Beaufort County, NC Record of Wills, C.R. 009. 801. 2, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

June 26eth in the yeare of our Lord 1733

The last will and tesement of Sarah CANNON She being very Seek and week In body but in pefct Sence and memory my Sould i geave to the Lord that give it me and my body to (?) earth to be buried att the descresh on of my cheldren heareafter my worldly goods followeth after I geve to my daughter Margaret five Shillings I gave to my Son Edward five Shellings I gave to my Son Dennis five Shillings I gave to my daughter Jene five Shellings I gave to my daughter Mary five Shillings I gave my daughter Olef five Shellings I gave to my Son John a cow I give to my Son david my land and plantation to him and his aers forever that is mreir? leia? in prensiss County and a barrel of feathers and a gun and a sow and six shots I give to my daughter Ruth too cows & calfs and (?)elose and a trunk I give my Son William twelf headed cattel and a feather bead and too iorn pots and pot rak and the tooels and three deshis and a bason and six and twenty head of hogs and a chest and table a friing pan a saet and awoding wile lune and cards and a duzen of spunes and acorme I appinte my son David to be my hole Sole exceittor to see this my last Will and testement fullfeled In witness whereunto I set my hand and sele

Isaac CORDENT

Josias LITTEL

Isaac STOK

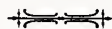
Sarah CANNON 1733

Sera (her mark) CANNON

Mrs Sarah CANNON Will

Was Proved in Open Court by the Oaths of Josias LIKELEY and Isack STOCK

Test. Jno. COLLISSON Clr 1733



BENJAMIN BROWNE, 1821

Transcribed from a copy found in Supreme Court case # 3834, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin BROWNE of the County of Pitt in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind & in good health, do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following, (to wit) First I commit my soul to God who gave it, & my body to the dust from whence it came, to be buried in a decent manner.

Item, I give to my beloved wife Chrissey BROWNE, during her widowhood, the North part of my dwelling House, where I now live, which is from the passage above & below not towards the north, the North room of my Kitchen, the small room of the barn, one dairy & meat House & the part of the land & plantation continued in the following Boundary viz Beginning with the West side of the dwelling house, & running on a right north course to Eddie BROWNES line, thence along Eddie BROWNES line, to EWELLS line, thence along EWELLS line to my ditch, thence along my ditch, to my lane fence thence along my fence nearly the center of said kitchen thence across or through, to the passage of said dwelling house & to the beginning, so as to afford a convenient enjoyment of the premises hereby given, & according to the reservation in my deed to my son William M BROWNE, also my chair Horse called Dick. and my negro Anarchy. I also give & bequeath to my said wife all of the property I got by her in marriage to her & her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Eddie BROWNE my negro man Cain, my horse called true blue, one cow & calf, one feather bed & furniture, half a dozen sitting chairs, one chest, half a dozen plates, one set cups & saucers, two dishes & one Iron pot, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Benjamin BROWNE my negro Kinchen, one mare called the Romulus mare, one cow & calf, one cow & calf one feather bed & furniture, half a dozen sitting chairs, one chest





half a dozen plates, one set cups & saucers, two dishes & one Iron pot, to him and his heirs forever.  
 Item. I give to my son William M BROWNE my negroes Bob & Major, one mare colt, one cow & calf, one bed & furniture, half a dozen sitting chairs, one chest, half a dozen plates, one set cups & saucers, two dishes, one Iron pot & one Walnut falling leaf table, to him and his heirs forever.  
 Item. I give to my son Willie BROWNE my negro David, one horse called the Romulus Horse, one cow & calf, one cow & calf one feather bed & furniture, half a dozen sitting chairs, one chest, half a dozen plates, one set cups & saucers two dishes one Iron pot to him and his heirs forever  
 Item. I give to my grandchildren Elizabeth Benjamin B. Martha, John F. & Elizabeth M C STANCILL five dollars each.  
 Item. I give to my Grand son Benjamin B. WILLIAMS ten dollars.  
 Item. I give to my daughter Patsey WALLACE living in Tennessee a negro woman named Chaney she & her increase to her & her heirs forever  
 Item. I give to my daughter Clary RIEVES a negro woman named Peggy she & her increase to her & her heirs forever.  
 Item. I give to my daughter Ritty ANDERSON a negro woman named Selah, she & her increase to her & her heirs forever.  
 Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth BROWNE two negroes viz Hannah & Little Aggy, one cow & calf, two beds & furniture, one of which large & the other small, half a dozen sitting chairs, half a dozen plates, one set cups & saucers, two dishes, one Iron pot, & china ware & one falling leaf table, one dressing do. one chest, one tin Trunk, one bridle & Saddle & one Horse, to her and her heirs forever.  
 Item. I have Martin & July to be sold in the family & the proceeds of the sale to be equally divided, between my daughters, Patsey WALLACE, Clary RIVES, & Ritty ANDERSON or their heirs forever. Lastly I nominate & appoint my sons John S. BROWNE & Eddie BROWNE to be Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal. This 20th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one.  
 Signed & sealed in the  
 presence of us.  
 James BROWNE  
 John T MORRING  
 Arcady BROWN

Benjamin BROWNE {seal}

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## CLARY COLLINS, 1840

Transcribed from Pitt County Wills, C. R., 079.801.3, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

The last will & Testament of Clary COLLINS Deced  
 In The Name of God Amen I Clary COLLINS of the State of North Carolina & County of Pitt being in Sound Mind & Memory thanks be to God for it. do make this writing my last Will & Testament. First leave my body to be buried in a decent Christian burrial at the direction of my Executors & my Soul I leave to God that gave it I order that all my Just debts Shall be paid, then the whole of my property & negroes Gin & her increase to be equally divided & I lend one half of the Same to my Daughter Viney SUTTON her life estate & then to belong to her heirs, after her the other half I give to my Daughter Anna WILLOUGHBY & her heirs after her this writing was assigned April the 7th 1840  
 I leave John WILLOUGHBY & William SUTTON my Executors assigned in presence of us.  
 Witness Robert (his mark) NICHOLS  
 William NICHOLS, Senr  
 Clary (her mark) CLOLLINS {seal}

May Session 1840 Then this paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Clary COLLINS was exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of Law by the oath of John B. BAKER & Bryant NICHOLS who testified to the Signature of William NICHOLS Senr Let it be recorded  
 Attest Archd PARKER CLK





State of North Carolina Pitt County}

I do hereby certify that the above copy is true as will Show in my Office in Will Book from  
Page 1825 to 1842 & page 233

Attest H. SHEPPARD CLK  
By J C ALBRITTON D.C.

North Carolina

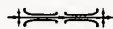
This paper writing being offered to the Court as a Certified Copy of the last will and Testament of Clary COLLINS Deced and the Court being Satisfied of the genuineness thereof upon the testimony of Henry SHEPPARD Clerk and James C ALBRITTON it is ordered that it be recorded and filed with the certificate and probate thereon

H SHEPPARD Clerk  
By J J DANCY D. C.

I hereby Certify that the foregoing Will of Clary COLLINS and the Certificates also is a true copy as now upon Record in the Clerks office of Pitt County in Will Book June 8, 1860

H SHEPPARD Clerk  
By J J DANCY D. C.

[Editors note: this shows that there was once a Will Book, 1825 to 1842, that burned in the court-house fire in 1858, and a certified copy of this Will was turned back into the court to be rerecorded]



NANCY CANNON, 1859

Transcribed from Pitt County Wills, C. R., 079.801.3, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

In The Name of God Amen, I Nancy CANNON being weak in boddy but of Sound disposing mind and memory do this day make publish and declare this paper writing to be and to contain my Last Will and Testamen as as follows Viz That is to Say That after my death I wish my Executor hereafter named to provide a decent burial Suitable to the wishes of my relations and Friends together with paying all my Just debts and funeral expenses

Secondly I Will to my husbands niece Nancy TRIPP Ten dollars to be payed to her by my Executor

Third I Will to my husbands Sister Deutry TRIPP my desk

Fourth I give to my Connexion Rober WITHERINGTON One Cow and Calf and my Buggy

fifth I give to Alley CANNON Wife of Tomas CANNON my Loom

Sixth I give and Bequeath all the Balance of my property real and personal to my relation and Friend John C COX Consisting of my Negroes Namely Mariah Martha and Sally together with their fetere increase to John C COX and his heirs forever also horses cattle hogs Sheep and all other house and Kitchen furniture also Corn fodder peas and all manner of Farming utensils

Seventh and Lastly I hereby Constitute and Appoint my Worthy Relation and Friend John C COX to be my Executor to this my Last Will to Carry Out the Intents of this my Will as Witness I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this the 10 September 1859

Attest

Benja HAZELTON  
William A. QUINERLY

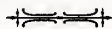
Nancy (her mark) CANNON {seal}

North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions  
Pitt County} Novr. Term 1865

This paper writing dated Sept. 10th 1859 is offered for probate in open Court by John C. COX the Exr. therein named as the last will and testament of Nancy CANNON decd. and is duly proved by the oaths of William A. QUINERLY the surviving Subscribing Witness thereto the other Subscribing Witness Benj. F. HAZELTON being deceased. The said Witness being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist testifies that the said testatrix executed upon this will said witnesses as her last will & testament in his presence and the presence of the said HAZELTON and that he the said HAZELTON



attested the said paper in presence of Testatrix and at her request and at the time the Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind & memory; and further that said HAZELTON is now deceased. Thereupon it is ordered that this paper be recorded and filed as the last will and testament of Nancy CANNON deceased.



## JOSEPH TEEL, 1862

Transcribed from Pitt County Wills, C. R., 079.801.16, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph TEEL of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being in a low State of health, But of sound mind of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following this the sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and sixty two.

Item I Lend unto my beloved wife Polly TEEL all of my property during her natural life or widowhood except the wasteful property which I want sold and the proceeds thereof to go to the use and benefit of my beloved daughter Emily Elizar TEEL, also at the death of my beloved wife Polly TEEL I wish all the remaining property sold for the benefit of my beloved daughter Emily Elizar TEEL except one black bed stead bed and furniture, one bureau, one looking Glass half dozen blue plates one trunk which articles I want kept for the use of my daughter Emily Elizar TEEL my desire is that my beloved sister Harriette WILLIAMS will take my daughter Emily Elizar and keep her as long as she may live.

If my daughter Emily Elizar should die before my sister Harriette WILLIAMS, I want my sister Harriette to have one half of my estate and the other half equally divided among my lawful Heirs, I do hereby nominate and appoint my dear friend Peter RIVES Executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & date above written  
Witness

[torn] \_\_\_\_\_ TEEL

Joseph (his mark) TEEL (Seal)

James (his mark) TEEL

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## OBITUARY

*Tarboro Southerner*; June 12, 1873



"Died, at Haspania Plantation, Louisiana, on Sunday evening, May 5, 1873, Captain William BIGGS.

He was born in Williamston, N. C., on February 26, 1813, and emigrated to the South about 1835. He successively resided Vicksburg, New Orleans, and upon his plantation in Louisiana. He was married to Miss Susan FLOWERS, and had an only son named Willie, upon his attaining manhood, by an inscrutable dispensation of Divine Providence he was removed from his devoted patents, and since then the health of the subject of this memoir has declined, until he peacefully and

quietly passed away. The last few years he has lived a retired life devoted to his wife, and she to him, and now this cord is snapped asunder and we humbly trust "the wind will be tempered to the shorn lamb," and that she may be comforted in this, her great affliction.

We have reason to hope in his death, for, during his last illness, he expressed a confidence in God's mercy, and a faith and hope that he would dwell on high.

Rest, dear one, in the memory of your brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, the first link severed in the family chain." A. B."





# JONAS DILDA FAMILY

The following feature article written by Mrs. Robert McArthur appeared in the *Greenville Daily Reflector*, Oct. 14, 1950. There is a photo of the family accompanying the article. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



"If you were to travel about two miles east of Fountain on the Falkland highway, you would soon come across the farm of one of the oldest Pitt citizens now living. The gentleman in question is Mr. Jonas DILDA who will observe his 93rd birthday on Sunday. The present homestead is the site of Mr. DILDA's birthplace in 1857.

Relating his boyhood memories of the Civil War experiences is one of his versatile means of interesting varied age groups of the five generations of his immediate family. The youngest son and sole survivor of Benjamin and Matilda COBB DILDA; Jonas DILDA was first married in 1875 to Louisiana GARDNER who died about 1900. To this union were born three sons, J. C., J. L., and Ben; two daughters, Mrs. Allie PHILLIPS and Mrs. Mollie OWENS (died in 1941). His second marriage in 1907 was to Frances Moore of Edgecombe county who is nearing her 77th birthday. There were three children by this marriage: S. L. and R. M. DILDA and Mrs. Robert McARTHUR.

In addition to more than 35 grandchildren, 40 plus great grandchildren, Mr. DILDA has 5 great great grandchildren located as far as California, south to Texas and Florida and others in Washington, D. C.

Until recent months this widely known pioneer Pitt County farmer has been in excellent health and unusually active mentally and physically to the extent that his numerous friends of both races frequently call him "93 years young." Mr. DILDA has

ever been optimistic of the world condition and particularly in his sentiments of the advancements of the youth of today.

In recalling the day when he rode horseback six miles to Falkland once a week for mail. Mr. DILDA reminds the present day complainer that just as many things happened in the old by-gone days in proportion to the population, but people were months in being informed about the events because of the lack of communications facilities.

Searching back into the past, the old gentleman recalls the day when Greenville was only a small station and still a mere crossroads town. As late as 1916 he built a one-room school house chiefly attended by his grandchildren and great nieces and nephews. He paid the teachers, the salary was then about \$40 a month, without any aid from the county. Mrs. Mattie SMITH STANCILL of Farmville was the last teacher of the DILDA school before its consolidation with the Fountain School.

The former school is now known as DILDA's Free Will Baptist Church. There is also a colored Free Will Baptist Church by the same name, to which he gave both the property and land itself to the colored people of that section in addition to a colored school near the same site.

"If I could turn back 50 years of time (with the opportunities of today) I feel that it would be easy to accumulate a small fortune," says this ninety-three year young citizen of Pitt County."



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## DIED.

*Tarboro Southerner*, Mar. 28, 1872

"Near Farmville. Pitt county, on Wednesday, the 13th Inst., Mrs. Mary BYNUM, wife of Richard A. BYNUM, in the 56th year of her age."

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# BIBLE RECORDS



## JAMES T. WILLIAMS BIBLE

This bible record was taken from a typed copy found in the Tabitha Marie DeVisconti Papers, #480.22., East Carolina University Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, ECU, Greenville, NC. This bible was formerly owned by Mrs. S. T. White of Greenville, NC in the 1930's. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

This Certifies That the Rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between  
James T. Williams, Sr. of Pitt County and Margaret Harper of Pitt County  
on December 8th, 1858 at Her Mother's Residence by Rev. Thomas Moore  
Witness: John King Albert Harper

### Births:

James T. Williams, the son of James Williams and Susanna, his wife, was born April 29th, 1813.  
Clara V. Williams, the daughter of Samuel Vines and Mary, his wife, was born Nov. 19th, 1815.  
Martha Elizabeth Williams, the daughter of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born  
Sept. 18th, 1837.  
Samuel R. V. Williams, the son of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born Jan. 10th, 1839.  
William Henry Williams, the son of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born Nov. 6th, 1840.  
James Theophilus Williams, the son of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born March 5th, 1842.  
Mary Ann Eliza Williams, daughter of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born March 4th, 1844.  
Emily Adeline Williams, the of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born March 15th, 1846.  
Sarah Penelopy Williams, daughter of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born Sept. 29th, 1848.  
Clara Jane Williams, daughter of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born Jan. 20th, 1850.  
Susan Allie Williams, the daughter of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born April 28th, 1852.  
Nancy Elizabeth Williams, the daughter of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born  
August 7th, 1854.  
Fannie Richard Williams, the daughter of James T. Williams and Clara V. his wife, was born  
Sept. 7th, 1857.  
Catherine Williams, daughter of J. T. Williams and Margaret, his wife, was born August 21st, 1859.  
Wiley Benjamin Williams, son of J. T. Williams and Margaret, his wife, was born July 23rd, 1860.  
John Williams, the son of J. T. Williams and Margaret, his wife, was born July 8th, 1861.  
Albert Williams, the son of J. T. Williams and Margaret, his wife, was born Nov. 6th, 1862.  
Joseph Samuel Williams, son of J. T. Williams and Margaret, his wife, was born April 10th, 1865.  
Cathy Harper was born April 25th, 1794.

### Deaths:

James T. Williams, Sr., departed this life April 21st, 1881.  
Clara V. Williams departed this life Nov. 8th, 1857  
Samuel R. V. Williams departed this life Dec. 1st, 1864.



## ARTHUR FORBES BIBLE

The bible belonged to Ms. Dorothy O. Forbes in 1977. Transcribed from a handwritten copy found at NC Archives Bible Collection. "Purchased July 31, 1790 from Thomas Bladen, son of Peter Z. Bladen and Elizabeth his wife, born January 28, 1768 in the Island of St. Eustatius, belonging to the great West India Company—price 3 Silver Dollars."

Ann Shannon died on the 28th of August in the year of our Lord 1793 and in the 81st year of her age  
August the 4th 1805 Arthur Forbes and Juda Moore was married  
Athur Forbes and Alford Forbes sons of Arthur Forbes and Juda his wife was born the 8th day of June 1806  
Elizabeth Forbes was born the 25 of April 1808 under the sign of Taurus or the Bull



Archable Forbes my third son was born the 29th day of April in the year of our Lord 1811  
 Arthur Forbes departed this Life December 13 in the year of our Lord Anno Domini 1823  
 Archibald Forbes & Louisa Clark his wife were married 21st January 1833.  
 Louisa C. Forbes, my first daughter was born 2 December 1833  
 Mary Jane Elizabeth Forbes our second daughter was born 15th of February in the year of our Lord—1836  
 Archibald Alexander Forbes son of Archibald and Louisa C. Forbes his wife was born the 14th of March  
 A. D. 1838  
 Archibald Forbes youngest Son of Arthur & Judith Forbes departed this life on the 13th of March in the  
 year of our Lord one thousand eighteen hundred & thirty eight, aged twenty six years, ten  
 months, & twenty nine days  
 Ann Forbes the daughter of Arthur Forbes and Dinah his wife was born the 9th of August 1775  
 Susannah Forbes their 3rd daughter was born the 6th of July in the year of our Lord 1780  
 Rebecca Forbes their 4th daughter was born the 25th of September 1784  
 Patsey Forbes was their 5th daughter 29th of May 1793  
 Elinor Forbes 6th daughter was born 14th of September 1799  
 Rebecca Forbes departed this life the 17th of January 1801 in the Sixteenth year of her age much lamented  
 by all friends and all acquaintances

[Editors note. This bible record is probably the one mentioned in the following article found in the *Eastern Reflector*, Nov. 16, 1900. "Mrs. M. V. Forbes, 3 miles above Greenville, N. C., has a bible that was printed in England in 1728. It was brought to America by Arthur Forbes, the father of Mrs. Forbes' late husband, whose children and grand children are in and around Greenville. A. D. Betts."]

## GEORGE MEEKS BIBLE

Transcribed by Joseph Edgar Meeks, III, from original owned by Irene (Mrs. Roy C.) Jones, Farmville, N. C. in 1979, and contributed by Wm. Everett (Mickey) Elmore. The records are included in the Wm. E. Elmore Collection, #39.2, East Carolina University Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, ECU.

George A. Meeks of Pitt County and Louiza L. Pippin of Edgecombe Co. on the 15th day of January 1867  
 at Silas Pippen by Rev. George Joyner.

Wits: John L.(?) PARKER  
 John King

William Henry Meeks son of George A. & Louiza Meeks was born Aug. 31, 1868  
 Silas McGilbra Meeks son of Geo A & Louiza Meeks was born Oct 6, 1870  
 Nancy Anna Elizabeth Meeks dau. of Geo. A. & Louiza Meeks was born Dec. 7, 18720  
 George Ashley Meeks son of Geo. A. and Louiza Meeks was born Dec. 23, 1874  
 Joseph Edgar Meeks son of Geo and Louiza Meeks borned January 1, 1877  
 Mary Cornelia Meeks dau. of Geo. A. & Louiza Meeks was born June 30, 1878

George A. Meeks son of George A. Meeks was borned Oct 28, 1846  
 Louisa L. Pippen dau. of Silas Pippin was borned Aug. 16, 1846  
 Herbert L. Meeks son of Willis Meeks and Mary Meeks was born Dec. 13, 1792 [1892?]  
 Nellie Meeks dau. of Willie Meeks & Mary Meeks was born Oct. 4, 1794 [1894?]  
 George A. Meeks was borned January 4th, 1816  
 Nancy Carson was borned Dec. 4th, 1814

McGilbary Meeks son of George A. and Nancy Meeks was borned Dec. 1st, 1838  
 William Meeks Meeks [sic] son of Geo. A. & Nancy Meeks was born January 31, 1840  
 Robert Henry Meeks son of George A. & Nancy Meeks was born Aug. 1, 1842 [sic]  
 Mary Louiza Meeks dau. of George A. Meeks was born Aug. 19th, 1843  
 Elizabeth Jane Meeks was borned Oct. 17th, 1844  
 George Ashley Meeks son of George A. & Nancy Meeks was borned Oct. 28th, 1846  
 Lydia L. Meeks was born Oct. 16th, 1848





Robert Meeks was born Oct. 27, 1850  
 Nancy L—gerah [illegible] Meeks was born Aug. 5th, 1853  
 Ashley Ann Meeks was born December, 17th, 1855

Robert Henry Meeks died Oct. 5th, 1842  
 Mary Louisa Meeks died Nov 16, 1843  
 Robert Meeks died Sept 21, 1852  
 George A. Meeks died Nov 18, 1855  
 McG. Meeks died Dec 1, 1856  
 Louiza Meeks died Apr 22, 1863  
 Nancy Meeks died Apr 25, 1863  
 William L. Meeks died Oct 6, 1862  
 Silas McGilbra Meeks son of Geo. A. & Louiza Meeks d. Sept 3, 1871  
 Nannie Brown d. Oct. 29, 1897  
 Mary Meeks d. June 9, 1899  
 George A. Meeks died Sept. 27, 1906  
 Willie Meeks d. July 1, 1910  
 L. L. Meeks d. May 13, 1932

Father	Mother
George A. Meeks	Nancy Carson Meeks
Born Jan. 4, 1816	Born Dec. 4, 1814
Died Nov. 18, 1855	Died Apr. 25, 1863

Children:

1. McGilbary Meeks	Born Dec. 1, 1838	Died Dec. 1, 1856
2. William L. Meeks	Born Jan 31, 1840	Died Oct 6, 1862
3. Robert Henry Meeks	Born Aug. (?) 1842	Died Oct. 5, 1842
4. Mary Louiza Meeks	Born Aug. 19, 1843	Died Nov. 16, 1843
5. Elizabeth Jane Meeks	Born Oct. 17, 1844	
6. George Ashley Meeks	Born Oct. 28, 1846	Died Sept 27, 1906
7. Lydiah L. Meeks	Born Oct. 16, 1848	Died Apr 22, 1863
8. Robert Meeks	Born Oct. 27, 1850	Died Sept 21, 1852
9. Nancy L—gerah Meeks	Born Aug. 5, 1853	Died April 25, 1863
10. Ashley Ann Meeks	Born Dec. 17, 1855	

Father	Mother
George A. Meeks	Louiza L. Pippin Meeks —married Jan 15, 1867
Born Oct. 28, 1846	Aug. 16, 1846
Died Sept 27, 1906	May 13, 1932

Children:

1. William Henry Meeks	Born Aug. 31, 1868	
2. Silas McGilbra Meeks	Born Oct. 6, 1870	Died Sept. 3, 1871
3. Nancy Anna Elizabeth Meeks	Born Dec. 7, 1872	
4. George Ashley Meeks	Born Dec. 23, 1874	
5. Joseph Edgar Meeks	Born Jan. 1, 1877	
6. Mary Cornelia Meeks	Born June 30, 1878	

Father	Mother
Willie Meeks	Mary Meeks
Died July 1, 1910	died June 9, 1899

Children:

1. Herbert L. Meeks	Born Dec. 13, 1792 [?1892]
2. Nellie Meeks	Born Oct. 4, 1794 [?1892]



## THE LATHAM-LAUGHINGHOUSE BIBLE

Submitted by William E. (Mickey) Elmore of Greenville. Mr. Elmore copied the records from the original Bible at an estate auction in Greenville, NC. The identity of the estate was not made public, but it is conjured that the owner was Mrs. J. J. Perkins who died in 1988. The Bible was published by Robert Sears, 181 William St., New York; 1856.

On the Fly leaf:  
Saml. W. Latham

### Parents' Register:

Father Samuel W. Latham son of Samuel Latham and Mary Ann his wife was born Nov. 25th 1835.  
Mother Hannah E. Latham daughter of John S. Hawks and Mary his wife was born April 13 [or 23? overwritten] 1835 [or 1836? overwritten]

### Births:

Mary A. Latham daughter of Samuel and Hannah Latham was born Jan. 2, 1856 [or ?? overwritten]  
Thomas Latham son of Samuel and Hannah Latham was born Sept. 25th, 1857 [or 8? overwritten]

### Marriages:

Samuel W. Latham and Hannah E. Hawks was married Jan. 11, 1853  
W. L. Laughinghouse and Mary A. Latham was married Feby. 21, 1877  
Hannah H. Laughinghouse and Carl H. Richardson was married Feby. 1, 1899  
S. L. Laughinghouse and Isabel Schorb [or Sehorb?] was married May the 5th 1904  
Mary A. Laughinghouse and Shrie [?] Leary was married Nov. 24th 1905  
Annie E. Laughinghouse and Malcom Worthington was married Nov. 23rd 1909  
Mattie S. Laughinghouse and Horace Rowland [or Bowland?] were married Nov. 25th 1914  
S. L. Laughinghouse and Sadie Blount were married Oct. 31, 1911  
T. L. Laughinghouse married Pat [?] Harris Sept. 29th 1917

### Deaths:

Samuel W. Latham son of Samuel Latham and Mary Ann his wife died on the 16th day of Jan. 1881  
Hannah E. Hawks wife of Saml. W. Latham died Sept. 7, 1908  
Thomas W. Latham son of Saml. W. Latham and Hannah his wife died Jan. 23, 1911  
Wyatt Laughinghouse son of Jos. [?] Laughinghouse and Mary Ann his wife died Oct. 23 [?] 1912  
Sam Latham Laughinghouse son of W. L. and Mary Laughinghouse died Jan. 9, 1926

Mr. Elmore found and abstracted a newspaper obituary stored in the Bible :  
Mrs. Hannah Latham died at 5 A. M. at the home of her son T. W. Latham of this city . . . 74 years old . . . invalid several years . . . mother of Mrs. W. L. Laughinghouse and Mr. Thomas W. Latham. Funeral: St. Peter's Church, 4 P. M., Rev. N. Harding . . . Buried Oak Dale Cemetery [Washington, NC].

## SPEIGHT BIBLE

The Holy Bible, title page missing, the first page is page 9 with "Published in 1869" handwritten at the top. Transcribed and contributed by Brenda Stocks from original in possession of Mrs. Louise Speight Tripp of Ayden, NC.

### FAMILY RECORD

Grandparents	Born	Where	Died	Where
Father's Father: Josiah Bennett Speight	7/11/1853	Greene Co.	11/10/1918	Pitt
Father's Mother: Stanley Winnifred Speight	7/10/1858	Pitt Co.	12/26/1929	
Mother's Father: Joshua Nobles	8/11/1856	Pitt Co.	12/19/1918	
Mother's Mother: Louise Nobles		Pitt Co.	6/30/1896	Pitt





### Parents

Father: Lewis Council Speight 5/25/1884 Pitt 8/24/1981 Pitt Co.  
 Mother: Addie Dorendo Speight 4/13/1888 Pitt 2/11/1952 Pitt Co.  
 They were married May 12, 1912 at Bride's house Rev. G. C. Vause

### Children

	Born	Married
1. J. Brantley Speight	5/11/1914 Pitt Co. d. 1971	2/17/1936 to Carrie E. Gardner
2. Irma Louise Speight	11/19/1917 Pitt Co.	12/25/1943 Joe Dixon Tripp (b.10/8/1914-d.5/12/94)
3. Powell Tucker Speight	2/8/1923 Pitt Co.	5/26/1945 Elizabeth Lee Spruill

### Grandchildren

Alice Rachel Speight 12/20/1936 Pitt Co. daughter of Brantley and Carrie Speight

### Miscellaneous

Clarence Craven Sumrell and Belah Beatrice Speight were married Dec. 20, 1916 at the home of the brides father.

Clarence Reginald, son of Clarence and Belah Sumrell was born Sept. 20, 1917

Marion Geoffrey, son of Clarence and Belah Sumrell was born Oct. 1, 1920

### Grandparents

	Born	Where	Died	Where
Father's Father: Harvey Speight				
Father's Mother: Jane Fields Speight				
Mother's Father: Stanley Kittrell	5/9/1911(1811?)	Pitt Co.	12/8/1859	Pitt Co.
Mother's Mother: Martha A. Carr Kittrell	10/13/1825	Lenoir Co.	1/31/1913	Pitt Co.

### Parents

Father: Josiah Bennett Speight 7/11/1853 Pitt Co. 11/10/1918 Pitt Co.  
 Mother: Winnie Kittrell Speight 7/10/1858 Pitt Co. 11/6/1929 Pitt Co.  
 They were married Sept. 21, 1876 at Bride's Home by Eld. Jesse Shackelford

### Children

	Born	Died	
1. Anna Jane Speight	7/25/1877 Pitt Co.	11/22/1915	married J. L. Whitfield
2. Tessie Leona Speight	1/20/1880 Pitt Co.	11/11/1960	married Ernest E. McGlohon
3. Mathew Oscar Speight	11/1/1882 Pitt Co.	7/1953	married Alice Eva Noble
4. Lewis Council Speight	5/25/1884 Pitt Co.	8/24/1981	married Addie Dorendo
5. Edward Stanley Speight	6/2/1887	7/3/1889	
6. Eddie Geoffrey Speight	1/14/1889	9/24/1890	
7. Eva Inez Speight	5/26/1890	8/5/1891	
8. Mackie Lou Speight	6/21/1891	8/19/1891	
9. Martha Alma Speight	6/25/1893	7/25/1946	married Charlie Leon Tyson
10. Belah Beatrice Speight	3/26/1896	1931	married Clarence Craven Sumrell
11. Hall Bennett Speight	10/1/1898	11/23/1898	
12. Lyman Gray Speight	6/1/1901	8/4/1901	

### Miscellaneous

Josiah Bennett Speight was borne July 11, 1853 and died Nov. 10, 1918

Stanley Winnifred Speight was born July 10, 1858 died Dec. 6, 1929

### Parents

	Born	Died
Father: Matthew <u>Osar</u> Speight	11/1/1882 Pitt Co.	7/1/1953 Pitt Co.
Mother: Alice Eva Speight	10/25/1891 Pitt Co.	2/15/1972 Pitt Co.

They were married Jan. 17, 1912 at Tuckers School House by Rev. M. A. Adams



## BAILEY-CARSON BIBLE

Transcribed and contributed by Ruth Majek. No title page or printing date.

Presented by W. E. Bailey, my father, to his daughter Mary E. Carson and to the youngest son after my death, to be kept in the family.

### Births:

William E. Bailey September 10, 1827  
George R. Carson Nov. 29, 1847  
Mary Elizer Bailey November 27, 1854  
Lula Viola Carson October 18, 1875  
Mary Lavenda Carson July 17, 1878  
William Allice Carson October 25, 1880  
John Robert Carson November 8, 1882  
Joseph Warren Carson September 19, 1885  
Lanier Daniel Carson April 22, 1889

### Marriages:

George R. Carson of Pitt Co. and Mary Elizer Bailey of Pitt Co. on 24th December A. D. 1874 at W. E. Bailey's by Eason James, Esq.  
Witnesses: Reuben Bryan, Frank Polard

George R. Carson and Bettie Bowers were united in matrimony on the 2nd day of April, 1903 by S. T. Carson, a justice of the peace.

### Deaths:

Mary Francis Bailey, wife of W. E. Bailey November 27, 1874  
Lula Viola Carson September 1, 1893  
W. E. Bailey, January 26, 1897  
Mary Elizer Carson, wife of George R. Carson, December 23, 1902  
Molie White, March 2, 1918

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## WILL McLAWHORN KILLED AT AYDEN

*Eastern Reflector, Wed., Aug. 2, 1893*

"Saturday night Coroner W. E. WARREN received a telegram from Ayden that J. W. HARRINGTON had killed Will McLAWHORN with a pistol, and asking him to go down and hold an inquest. The Coroner went down and the inquest was held Sunday morning in SAVAGE'S barroom where the shooting occurred. From the evidence before the inquest the jury returned a verdict that the killing was accidental. It developed that HARRINGTON, McLAWHORN and some others were drinking freely at SAVAGE'S bar, when there was a sudden report of a pistol and McLAWHORN fell dead with a bullet in his right breast. It seems that no one present saw the shooting and could not tell just how it occurred, but HARRINGTON says that while they were drinking he went to show McLAWHORN his pistol and in taking it from his pocket it got hitched in his handkerchief and accidentally discharged.

While it is one of those mysterious affairs that cannot be explained fully, it is safe to say that whiskey was at the bottom of it. Maybe some of those who worked so hard to undo the work of incorporating Antioch Church and get a bill through the last Legislature to allow whiskey sold in Ayden will be satisfied at such results as this growing out of their labors."

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# QUERIES

Seeking information on the parents of Benjamin SUTTON, b. ca. 1765, d. ca. 1797; married Kisiah HADDOCK. Seeking their names, dates and ancestry.

—Charlene Strode MONTGOMERY; W7289 Becherer Dr.; Minong, WI 54859-9208 (715-466-4842).

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David SMITH, b. mid 1790's in NC, is found living in Chattooga Co., GA. by 1850. Searching for his birth date, names of his parents, wife's name and marriage date. He may be the son of Henry SMITH and Sally ADAMS who were living in Pitt County in 1800.

—Ms. Dorothy Smith DUFFY; 2806 Majestic Dr.; Ooltewah, TN 37363-8937. email: Dsdnew@aol.com

• • •

My fourth great grandmother, Anne NEWTON, b. 1738, came to America from England with her parents before 1760. She married Thomas WILLIAMSON and are found living near Pitt County during the Revolution. Tradition says she was related to both Sir Isaac NEWTON and the Rev. John NEWTON (author of Amazing Grace). I am looking for any connections between Anne and other NEWTON's in northeastern North Carolina.

—Lee MEYERS; 37 Strauss Lane; Olympia Fields, Ill. 60461 (708-748-7447) email: Leesal7447@aol.com

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Searching for information about Coach CANNON, b. ca. 1790, found in the 1850 Pitt County census as living with his son, William CANNON in Burney's District. His occupation was a shoemaker. Also seeking information on William Augustus CANNON, who md. on Jan. 1, 1891 in Swift Creek Twsp., Pitt Co. to Sarah E. SUGG. He divorced her in March 1899 and she died in a sanitarium in Raleigh, NC. What happened to William A. Cannon?

—Betty L. HELDMAN; 2146 Seaton Springs Rd.; Sevierville, TN 37862 (423-429-4674)  
email: BHeldman@BellSouth.com

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Searching for parents and TYSON grandparents of the Judith TYSON/TISON that md. George SUGG. George SUGG was born in 1718 and died in Beaufort Co., NC in 1758. They reportedly had 7 children that were all born in Beaufort County.

Jerry T. BARTON; 209 Southcross; Georgetown, TX 78628-3026 (512-863-8409) email: jbarton851@aol.com

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Seeking information on my grandparents, John Henry Everett and his wife Charlotte Anne Jackson. They were parents of Robert Edward EVERETT, b. Jan. 31, 1909 at Tuscaloosa, Ala. and d. Dec. 29, 1965 in Portland, Oregon. The family of John Henry EVERETT is supposed to be in the Russellville community of Anson Co., NC from the late 1700's into the early 1900's.

—Lola Everett WEAVER; P. O. Box 515; Murchison, TX 75778 (903-469-3287) call collect

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Who were the parents of Lydia Grey MAYO, 1749-1818, who m. in 1765 in Edgecombe Co., NC to James Thigpen, V. and lived at Penny Hill, Pitt County, NC. Is there any information that can prove what is correct or incorrect in the book "The Thigpen Tribe," dated ca. 1961, by Alice Whitley SMITH?

—Mrs. Jean CALDWELL; P. O. Box 381; Washington, NC 27889-0381 (252-946-2404)

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Seeking information on the parents of Arthur Forbes, Sr., Pitt Co. Revolutionary War Patriot. John FORBES was his father, but what were the names of John's two wives? Was one a SHANNON or SHANNONHOUSE? And which wife was the mother of Arthur FORBES, Sr.?

—J. A. L. MILLER, Jr.; 7912-H Harris Hill Ln.; Charlotte, NC 28269-0704 (704-549-5666) email: jalmillerjr@att.net

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Seeking the parents and siblings of Robert FORBES (1789—1845) and his wife Gracey TYSON (1796—1845).  
—Bob FORBES; 8023 Newtown Rd.; Waxhaw, NC 28193-9398 (704-243-2299) email: bkforbes@aol.com

• • •

Looking for information on the COX ancestors of Richard Henry GARRIS, b. 1838, d. 1915.  
—Jim ANGLIM; 19 Beechwood Terrace; Matawan, NJ 07747-3071 (732-566-0730)  
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• • •

Looking for information and descendants of John PELT and Henry PELT, both found living in Pitt County in the 1790 NC census.  
—M. P. PELT; Po Box 506; Spring Valley, CA 91976-0506; email: termel@aol.com

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I am looking for the whereabouts of the original slave narrative of Freeman HEMBY (1848-1948), which appeared in the *Greenville Daily Reflector* on March 29, 1938 and reprinted in the *Greenville Times* with other information on March 8, 2000.  
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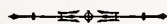
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Address John BENTLEY Lebanon Cobb County Ga.

Very respectfully Luke BENTLY

[Luke BENTLEY for John BENTLEY answd. 25th. May 1846 Found on the Warrt. book & Book of Settlements but not on muster rolls Fees due 30 cents. Send \$1 if you want Certs. W. H.]"



## Letter About Drury GRIMMER

"Sparta NC Augt 7. 1849

Mr. Hill Sir

I am requested to ask you, if there is any record in your office, of the names of the Officers & Soldiers, who served in the Revolutionary War, and if so- whether the name of Drury GRIMMER, a private under Capt Richard REEVES of Pitt Co. is among them. If your office is not the proper one for such records, will you be so good as to inform me what office I may refer to—I wrote to Mr. COLLINS some 6 or 8 weeks past on the same subject but have not had the honor to have my letter acknowledged by that functionary. Your attention will command my respects & place me under many obligations.

Respectfully J. F. HUGHES

[J. F. HUGHES answd. not found 9th. Augt. 1849 Fees for searches 20 cts. Due Paid W. H. ]"



## Letter About Charles FLEMING

"Sparta Edgcomb County NC July the 18th 1845

Sir

I want you if you please to search your office and see if you can find the name of Charles FLEMING he was a Soldier in the revolutionary war and is Decd. his widdo is trying to draw her (husbands) pension the said Charles FLEMING served in north carolina and if you will find his name and send it to me in a manner that will prove the survive of said FLEMING I will pay you well for your trouble and please search as soon as you can and let me know your fee & I will pay you without fail as I am anxious to know whether his name is there or not please let me hear from you as soon as you can

I am sir you; vary respefully

Jacob BYRUM"

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## Walter CARMAN

*Eastern Reflector, Aug. 1, 1894*

We see it stated in the *Mascot* that Mr. Walter CARMAN, of this county, will assist in conducting a Populist paper at Statesville.





### Letter About John KENEDY

"Bishopville 24. Novr. 1849

William Hill Esqr. Secty. State of N. C. }

Dear Sir;

The heirs of John KENEDY (who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution a native of Pitt County, N. C. and who Entered the Service in that State) are attempting to procure a pension on acct. of his Services. From Enquiries that have been made of you heretofore, you have stated that there were three John KENEDYs in the Service, as appears from the muster rolls of No. Ca. and it is probable that this same John KENEDY was Entered more than once and Served under different Captains, I Enclose to you three dollars with the request that you will furnish three certificates with a list of the names of all the Soldiers who Served in the Same Companies with the Said John KENEDYs. Also the Counties where they all belonged, if it appears upon the records of the war department. From the fact that the old Gentleman in his lifetime often mentioned the names of his Brother Soldiers, it may Enable persons to determine with Certainty to which Company, or Companies, he belonged. Please Give all the information in your power touching this case, and if the money Sent is not Sufficient to remunerate for the trouble, inform me, and the ballance Shall be Sent you.

Your Early attention to this matter will much Oblige your Obt Srvt

William ROGERS agt. for heirs

[Recd. 29th. Nov. 1849 with \$3

Capt. BAILEY's Co. 10th. Regt. 18th. June '82 for 12 mos. no more Sd. of him  
in Capt. HADLEY's Co. 10th. Regt. 10th. Sept. 82 for 18 mos.

William ROGERS ans wrd 3rd. Dec. 1849 & 2 Certs. with many names sent: Fees \$5. 40 Recd 3 Due to W. H. \$2. 40]"



### Letter About Edward FLANAGAN

[ On Cover] "Farmville No Ca Jan 28th  
William HILL Secretary Raleigh, N. C."

"January 26th 1850

My Dear Brother Hill

For So I delight to Call you upon a remembrance of your Christian appearance at all times, when I was with you altho many years have pass away and the multitudes of people with whom you associate and have business to do, may have let me pass from your recolection I am Still having and enjoying good health and a good hope of joining you in life of Bless with the pure Spirits in the presence of God I have been Called on lately by a Couple of old Widow ladies who are in needy Circumstances and who Suppose they are entitled to Something for Services rendered by their Father in the revolutionary war, my promise to them was to write to you to Examine the records in their behalf, they live in my neighbourhood and I Can remember their Father his name was Edward FLANAGAN lived in the County of Pitt if he rendered Such Service as will intitle them to a Claim please inform me and let me know your fees and I will pay you all, and remain as I ever have your Friend

John JOINER

NB this man FLANAGAN died about Sixty years ago and those Children were too young to remember him and I was too young to know anything about his Serving in that war but believe there was no other of that name and that these were his lawful heirs under that Impression I make the Enquiry for them J J

[John JOINER ans wd. not found 1st. Febry. 1850. W. H. ]"

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### Letter About William McELROY

'Washington 30th Dec '51

Dear Sir

William McELROY was drafted in Pitt County N. Carolina, during the Revolutionary war. His Captain's name was Samuel BARROW and Colonel's name, SOWELL or LOWELL. Gen. SUMTER was his commanding officer. No such officers can be found on the Rolls of the Continental Line of your State, so that they probably belonged to the militia or State Line of N. C. not mustered into the service of the U. States. Will you be good enough to inform me, whether McELROY's name, under the above named officers, are on your State Rolls, and if so, whether McELROY would be entitled by your laws to any Bounty in money or Land.

Respectfully Yours

W. G. SNETHEN

P. S. Refer to Hon. W. P. MANGUM

[Pt. Capt. TAYLORS Co. 6th. Regt. for W Omtd. Augt. 1778 Worthington G. SNETHEN answd. & Cert. Vr. sent requested to send me a \$1. Gold piece 13th. Janry. 1852 W. H. J"]



### Letter About Charles BUTLER

"New Harmony Indiana Sep. 28th 1850

To Secretary of State or The Governor or Adjutant General of the State of N. C. at Releigh

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of writing to you concerning the claim of a Revilutionary Soldier of North Carolina. Charles BUTLER served in a N. C. Rigt. during the Revilutionary war & afterwards drew his Pension at Releigh (N. C.) but how often the heirs Know not. He was wounded the heirs say in his face, they are informed that C. BUTLERs name appears on the records at Releigh as a pensioner. He lived and died in Craven County, N. C. His heirs live in the State of Indiana To Wit: Susana BUTLER, Louisa BUTLER & Penelope TANT all of whom are children of Chas BUTLER which can be proven. The heirs cannot tell what particular Company, or Rigt. or line said C. BUTLER served in or under what officers, They had a certificate by which said BUTLER drew his Pension but it is lost or mislaid, I understand one certificate was sent on to washington a few yrs. ago which I suppose might be procured if necessary Will you be kind enough to write to me as soon as possible and let me know whether or not said Chas. BUTLERs name appears on the records at Releigh as a Pensioner & if so all that you can find out concerning the Premises If there is any chance of Prosicuting the claim to a favorable conclusion the heirs will send the funds to pay the necessary expenses. I remain your obt. humbl sevt Respectfully

H. C. COOPER atty. at Law

[H. C. COOPER Esq. answd. 16th. Octr. 1850 Send \$1. or \$2. for copies W. H. J"]



### Letter About Joseph PARKER

"Sparta Geo Jan. 13th. 1848

Dr Sir

Your kind reply dated 18th last month came to hand indue time. Enclosed I send you one dol. So. Ca bill in addition to which you have my most sincere Thanks for your kindness. Things have prevented me from writing to you sooner. I will here state that I wish to engage your services a little further in this matter, and I will cheerfully attend to your fee. You are right in supposing the first transfer of that land to be a forgery. While I wright I am in the immediate presense of a child of Joseph and Gemima PARKER. Joseph PARKER married Gemima HEMBY and I presume the marriage took place under the crown of England, in what was then called Dobbs County or perhaps Lenoir. I wish to ascertain whether the marriage is on the records if so that will prove the first transfer a forgery or something wrong. As I hope happily opened a correspondence with yyou I hope you will be kind enough to find out this fact, and let me know, some person would search out this for you when I could perhaps not even get a reply Please attend to this as soon as you can conveniently and send me the charge of your fee

Truly Yours W. W. JOHNSON

Wm HILL Esq



# THE CASE OF JOHN & NILE MANNING

The following are several articles in Greenville newspapers concerning an incident in the Manning family in 1900. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## "MURDER IN CRAVEN

### Mr. John MANNING Killed by His Nephew and Son.

*Eastern Reflector*, Tuesday, June 12, 1900.

A brutal murder occurred near Vanceboro, Thursday night when John MANNING was shot and killed by his nephew Nile MANNING in company with John MANNING Jr., the son of the murdered man. Mr. John MANNING was visiting near Vanceboro, and John MANNING Jr., and Nile MANNING, who had previously had some troubles left Hanrahan's Thursday morning and after walking four miles below Vanceboro, where they met Mr. John MANNING in the road and got in a fight. Nile MANNING shot Mr. John MANNING three times and then both walked back to their home leaving Mr. John MANNING, as they supposed dead in the road.

The defendants were arrested Friday by Mr. Jos. McLAWHORN the Constable at Ayden, and brought here this morning and put in jail for safe keeping until the sheriff of Craven county can come and take them to New Bern. These are the facts as were learned from the prisoners themselves: Nile MANNING, who did the shooting, is a desperate character, having served one term in the New Bern jail and once or twice in the jail here. John MANNING, Jr., who is a son of the murdered man, claims to have had nothing to do with the killing but walked to Vanceboro with and allowed Nile MANNING to kill his father without trying to prevent it. All the parties live in Pitt county, but the murder was committed in Craven."

## "Mr. MANNING Not Dead

*Daily Reflector*, June 13, 1900

Sheriff KINSEY, of Craven county, came up this morning from New Berne to take the prisoners, John and Nile MANNING, who are wanted for shooting Mr. John MANNING last Thursday night near Vanceboro, back with him. Sheriff KINSEY says that Mr. John MANNING did not die from the effects of the shot as was first reported. He is still in a critical condition, however, but there are chances of his getting well again. The prisoners will be given a trial when they reach New Berne."

## "Recaptured

*King's Weekly*, Dec. 14, 1900

Nile MANNING and John MANNING who recently escaped jail at New Berne, had a fight near Hanrahan's last Saturday and John was baddy beaten. John was arrested and taken back to New Berne but Nile is still at large."

## "SLICK FELLOW

*King's Weekly*, Dec. 21, 1900

John MANNING who recently twice escaped from New Berne jail must be a slick fellow. He was serving a sentence, when with two other prisoners, he escaped jail. About two weeks ago he was arrested and placed in the Ayden lock up. Remaining in that on Sunday was too much for him so he broke out. A few days later he was again caught and that time taken back to New Berne jail. In a few days he was again out and gone. But he made the mistake of returning to his old haunts and for the third time Constable McLAWHON arrested him. Tuesday he was taken off to New Berne jail again."

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## Runaway, Abraham COX, 1810

*Carolina Federal Republican*, New Bern, NC, April 15, 1810

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD. Runaway from the Subscriber, about three weeks since, an apprentice boy, named Abraham COX, about 17 years of age, dark complexion and black hair. I will give the above reward with all reasonable expences for his delivery to me. All persons are forwarned from harboring, employing or carrying him away.

Charles STEWART





# TRIP OUT OF FARMVILLE, 1929

The following is an interesting article that appeared in the *Greenville Daily Reflector*, Aug. 30, 1929, which talks about the people and houses along Grimmersburg Road from Farmville to Lang's Crossroads, Pitt County. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## "Grimmersburg News

Coming from Farmville on route 91—the first farm belongs to R. L. DAVIS and is known as the Jacob JOYNER farm. On this farm right where you see the old read oaks, O. L. JOYNER, of Greenville and D. C. JOYNER, of Farmville, were born and brought up.

On the same farm, on the left or south side of the road, is a filling station owned by R. L. DAVIS and run by a bachelor, TRIPP, who now closes at sunset as he is the man that was attacked by the negro who was this week sent to the roads for four years. South of the filling station in a large natural grove live J. W. MOYE and family. The next house, on the left lives Dexter JONES and wife and grandchild. The house on the right belongs to Charley JOYNER who has ever lived on this land. It is known as the Tommy JOYNER farm and has been in his family for a century. The next place where you see such nice yellow cannas on each side of the drive way, is R. L. SMITH's—Jesse SMITH place.

The next farm on the right is Alfred MOORE's home and this has been occupied by the MOORE's continuously for over a century. The next house of importance is on the left and is owned by Hepburn BURNETT. BURNETT is a recent settler in this neighborhood. He owns the old Earl WILLIAMS house. WILLIAMS was for several years the banker, of Farmville, as William WHITEHEAD was for the country.

B. S. SMITH owns, but does not live upon, the next farm on the left, a hundred years ago his grandfather, William JOYNER, lived on it and his wife had the first kitchen and dining room connected to the main dwelling in the vicinity.

On the right and opposite B. S. SMITH's farm, lives Johnnie JOYNER, and wife, an Alabamian, Bertha JOYNER, widow of R. L. JOYNER, and a very attractive marriageable daughter. This farm is also an heirloom.

When we come to M. L. MOYE's Bill FLANAGAN place. MOYE is the manor born, but he bought this place of Sheriff FLANAGAN's heirs.

Just around the bend of the road lives A. J. MOYE, the oldest person on the road. Next is the DUPREE place, and then comes the Robert TURNAGE farm, owned now by his children and grandchildren. TURNAGE had four daughters, splendid girls, and no buggy.

L. A. FULFORD is a recent acquisition to the neighborhood, who owns and lives upon the Matthew CARR farm. Aaron TURNAGE, Jr., lives where the old MOYE school house, which all the children of the neighborhood received their education. At least most of them never attended any school of higher education until Prayther HINES opened an academy in what is now HORTON's apartment house. On this farm stands the house from which General TYSON's father carried away his beautiful bride.

On the same side of the road in an oak grove resides A. P. TURNAGE, two years the senior of A. J. MOYE, his wife, Carrie SPEIGHT TURNAGE, Lester and wife and children.

Near LANG's Cross Roads is Jesse BAKER's filling station and menagerie. BAKER's has not been robbed, if it is so reported in the papers. No, sir, LANG's Cross Roads is fortified against robbery, for Mrs. Jesse BAKER surely sees to it that no one assaults Jesse and gets away with it. Why Jesse has a live wolf and an alligator and several other strange creatures on his school house property."

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## Deserted, James FLANEGIN, 1813

*Carolina Federal Republican*, New Bern, NC, Jan. 15, 1814

DESERTED. From the Rendezvous at this place, on the 12th ult, James FLANEGIN; 26 years of age, five feet five an a half inches high, light complexion, dark eyes, brown hair, and by profession a Planter. Ten dollars reward will be paid for the above deserted Soldier, on his being delivered to me, or any officer of the U. S. Army, or on his being confined in any Jail, so that I get him, and all reasonable expences paid. New Bern, Dec. 30th, 1813

Horatio DADE, first Lieut. 18th Reg. Inf. U. S. A.





# JONAS NELSON FAMILY NOTES

The following information was written on the back of a family lineage chart in 1956 by Davis L. McWhorter, of Bethel, NC, a local historian, to Marvin Key Blount. It is found in the William H. Bason Collection, # 528.36, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



"Information above mostly from my grandmother Mrs. Jeannette Whichard NELSON (1843-1919), second wife of James Righteous NELSON ("Right") Descent from Jonas NELSON, Senior, who died ca 1822 can be proved by documentary records in Martin, Edgecombe, and Pitt Counties. A Martin County Deed (dated 1801, Jonas NELSON from Sam'l WHITLEY) states that Jonas NELSON was of Northampton County, N. C. The NELSON family lived in Martin County north of Parmele & Robersonville, near Edgecombe County line. The Martin County deeds show that Kinchin NELSON bought the Land shares of his four brothers around 1822, indicating death date of father. James Righteous NELSON, grandfather of Marvin K. BLOUNT, inherited the old NELSON place from his father Kinchin NELSON. I have seen the old Family Bible of Jonas NELSON, Jr formely owned by Dr. NELSON of, Robersonville. It stated "Jonas NELSON, the son of Jonas NELSON and Mary, his wife" born Jan'y 27, 1792." This was Kinchen NELSON'S older brother Nothing else in this Bible of interest in our descent. Kinchin must have been born about 1795 as he was said to have been 86 yrs old when he died in 1881. Kinchen NELSON'S family Bible was said to have been burned when BLOUNT home was destroyed by fire ca 1910. Northampton County records have not been adequately examined, but show that Jonas NELSON, lived in Northeast section near Meherrin River. An old William NELSON there may have been the grandfather or father of Jonas NELSON. Other NELSONS probably related were an Abraham NELSON and a John NELSON. An old sword (which was lost in the BLOUNT home fire, but which we played with as children) was said to have belonged to a NELSON ancestor, an officer in the revolutionary War ( by Great Aunt Martha Nelson CARSON) The NELSON family was of Primitive Baptist faith, but the name "Righteous" hints of Quakers.

Davis L. McWHORTER

Bethel N. C. Nov. 29, 1956"

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## FOUR GENERATIONS LIVING—Perhaps the largest Family in the State.

*Daily Reflector*, May 24, 1904

Mr. Jeremiah WETHINGTON was in town today and says that he is now 78 years old. He has living nearly one hundred children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Few people can say as much. Mr. WETHINGTON is well preserved and works on the farm. He has been married twice but all these children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are of the first marriage. He has twelve great grand children in one family that of Mr. Curtis COREY, and in all there are more than forty great grand children. There is probably not another family of such number living in the state that sprung from one [torn] the lifetime of the ancestor. Mr. WETHINGTON married first in April, 1844.

**Prof. T. C. MANNING**

Eastern Reflector, Tues., Aug. 13, 1899

Bethel Items, Aug. 9.....Prof. T. C. MANNING, a native of this community, who sometime ago married in Florida, has been visiting relatives here the past week. He is now running a hotel in Goldsboro.

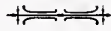
**Mrs. Susan COX**

*Daily Reflector*, Sat., March 12, 1904

Winterville Items.....Mrs. Susan COX spent Thursday night with Mrs. G. R. DIXON and left next morning for Lincoln county to make her home with an only son, whom she has not seen in 25 years. Young COX was given away by the Oxford asylum when a child and has since grown up, married and amassed quite a snug little property.



# PITT & RELATED COUNTY WILLS



## WILL OF JOHN ALLEN, OF CRAVEN COUNTY, 1794

Taken from Craven County Wills, CR 028.801.15, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Sammy A. Pierce, of Arlington, Va.

"In the name of god Amen. I John ALLEN of the County of Craven and State of North Carolina Being of sound and perfect mind and memory Blessed be god, do this 17th day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, make and Publish this my last will And Testament in manner following that is to say

Item I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Ann G. ALLEN the land and plantation whereon I now live including five hundred Acres in one Patent and Two hundred Acres on the back of said Tract Patten by myself laying and being on the Sandy Throughefair the said land given to her during her Widowhood and no longer I also lend unto My said wife one Negro man Named Cesar one Negro man named Yellow Jack one Negro Boy Named Martin one Negro Girl named Eanse during her Widowhood.

I also give unto my wife one Negro woman Named Hannah and her four Children Namely Cass Simon Merica and Bill to her heirs and assigns forever,

Also Three head of Horses to Witt one black mair one Ball face horse, and the demby mair on her raising the colt for my daughter Mary ALLEN Ten head of Cattle my Stock of Sheep and all My farming Tools and all my household furniture except three beds and furniture Compleat and one pair of the best Curtains which I shall hereafter Give to my Children Two hundred dollars in Cash one double Chair and Harness, all my Stock of Hogs except what is fitt for market this year.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary ALLEN Two Plantations on Swift Creek the two Tracts Containing three hundred and fifty acres Purchased of William CHARLTON and Phillip CAUSEY one other Plantation in Piney Neck known by the name of John ANDERSON Plantation with a Warrant of one hundred Acres Adjoining the said ANDERSON Tract Also one hundred and fifty Acres known by the name of RUMLEYS hill also Two hundred and Seventy Acres laying in the County of Beaufort Purchased of Thomas WORSLEY to her her heirs and assigns forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Burton ALLEN the Island Plantation containing Two hundred Acres with one hundred Acres Adjoining by a Grant in my own name Another Plantation Adjoining Containing one hundred Acres known by ADAMS place one other Plantation Adjoining known by MANKER place containing two hundred and Twenty Acres Another Plantation adjoining known by PHILLIPS place containing five hundred Acres Two other plantations Adjoining Containing two hundred and seventy Acres known by the ALL COX Lands.. Another plantation containing one hundred and twenty Acres known by the PHILLINGGAIN Land to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item Give and bequeath unto my son John Burton ALLEN the plantation whereon I now live and all the lands Adjoining and Also Six hundred and forty Acres laying in Cumberland and all my other lands that is not before given Away to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item And all my negroes Slaves to be Equally divided Among my three Children, Mary ALLEN, Burton Allen and John Burton ALLEN.

And when my daughter Mary ALLEN shall Arrive to the age of Sixteen the said Negroes and their Increase shall be put into three classes of equal value as near as possible and she shall draw for her Lott. My Eldest son shall Also draw in like manner when he shall Arrive to the Age of Eighteen and the remaining lott shall be my youngest son John Burton ALLEN to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item Also I give unto my daughter Mary ALLEN one Good bed and furniture compleat with a Sett of my best Curtains.

Item Also I give unto my Son Burton ALLEN one bed and furniture.

Item Also I give unto my son John Burton ALLEN one Bed and furniture.

Item Also my Cash in hand and debts of every kind are to be Carefully collected by my Executrs. and To be Equally divided between my three Children Mary ALLEN Burton ALLEN & John Burton ALLEN And can my Executors Security let it out To interest they may do so.





Also I Give and bequeath unto my Brother Shadrach ALLEN one bay Horse named Hiderally to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Mother Jemima ALLEN one riding chair and Harness during her Natural life after her death to my daughter Mary ALLEN.

Item My will and desire is that all my stock of Horses and cattle with all the rest of my property not mentioned in the aforesaid will be sold off by my Executor or Executors giving twelve months Credit all the money Arising from such sale to be Equally divided among my three children as aforesaid.

I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Shadrach ALLEN and Robert WILLIAMS my Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I the said John ALLEN have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above Written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John ALLEN the Testator as his last will and Testament In the presence of us who where present at

the time of the signing and sealing thereof

John ALLEN {Seal}

Stephen HARRIS

Simon BURNEY

Suky BRYAN

State of North Carolina,

Craven County Court March Term 1795

There was the Within last Will & Testament of John ALLEN late of Craven County Deceased produced in Open Court and proved by the Oath of Stephen HARRIS one of the subscribng Witnesses thereunto agreeable to Law and at the same time Shadrach ALLEN one of the Executors therein named appeared in Court and Qualifed agreeable to law Ordered that Letters Testamentary issue.

Attest Samuel CHAPMAN CC

To be filed with the Will of John ALLEN

James G. STANLY esq Newbern

State of North Carolina

To the Sheriff of Lenoir County Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon John Allen, William Jones LONG, and his wife Sarah personally to be and appear before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Craven on the Second Monday of September next then and there to testify and the truth to say in behalf of John and William SNEAD respecting the execution of the will of John ALLEN deceased then and there to be exhibited for probate.

And this you shall in no wise omit under the penalty by law. Witness James G STANLY

Clerk of the said Court at Newbern the 13th day of June AD 1807

James G STANLY CCC"



## WILL OF FREDERICK MOBLY, 1858

Taken from Pitt County Wills, CR 079.801.11, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"I Frederick MOBLY of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina Being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existance, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz

Item 1st. I give to my son James Frederick MOBLY and my Daughter Martha Wilkins MOBLY all my Land that I may die seized or possessed of, to be equally dived between them, but if one should die leaving no heir lawfully begotten of their body, then my will and desire is, for the others to have all my Lands.

Item 2nd. I give to my son James Frederick MOBLY and my Daughter Martha Wilkins MOBLY. my Negro man Washington and my Negro woman Temp to be equally divided between them when they come to be twenty one years of age, and if one should die leaving no heir, lawfully begotten of their body, then my will and desire is that the other should have all my Negroes.

Item 3rd. I give to my son James Frederick MOBLY and my Daughter Martha Wilkins MOBLY. all my





stock which concists of sheep Cattle Hogs and Bees, and one Mare and all their increase to be equally divided between them when they should come to be Twenty one years of age, and if one of them should die, leaving no heir lawfully begotten of their body, then my will and desire is that the other should have all my above named stock.

Item 4th. I give to my son James Frederick MOBLY and my Daughter Martha Wilkins MOBLY all my House and Kitchen Furniture all my carts and carts geer and my farming Tools and all other tools and tannopery? that may not be named, to be equally divided between them when they should come to be Twenty one years of age and if one of them should die, leaving no heir lawfully begotten of their body then my will and desire is that the other should have all my above named property.

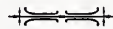
Item 5th. I loan to my beloved wife Cinderella MOBLY all of my property of every kind both real and personal during her widowhood (notwithstanding I have given it to my said son and Daughter, Jas. F & Martha W. MOBLY. in the above Items in this my last will and Testament) my express will and desire is that my said wife have the control and management of all of it to school and educate my said son and daughter and to maintain the family if she manages it properly and without waist—and to pay all of my past debts should I die leaving any outstanding against me out of the first money that may come into her hands from my estate.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Said Frederick MOBLY, to be his last will and Testament in presence of us who at his request in his pesence and in the pesence of each other do Subscribe our names as witness thereto. This the 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 1858.

Attest

Abram BAKER  
A. A. BAKER"

Frederick (his M mark) MOBLY



## WILL OF MARY E. CANNON, 1858

Taken from Pitt County Wills, CR 079.801.3, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"State of North Carolina)

Pitt County

I Mary E. CANNON of the County State aforesaid do hereby make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows:

Item 1st I Give to my relative Sarah CHURCHILL my Gold Watch

Item 2nd I Give in trust to Doctor Elias J BLOUNT my Negro Girl Della for the Sole use and benefit of my half Brother Walter S HANRAHAN as herein after provided.

Item 3rd I Give the residue of my Negroes about Eleven in number also my tract of Land adjoining the Lands of Jacob McCOTTER, James BROOKS & others containing about 914 Acres, together with the increase of said Negroes from this time to Doct Elias J BLOUNT in Trust for the Sole use and benefit of my half Brother James A HANRAHAN

Item 4th It is my desire that whenever the said Walter and James, shall be free from their liabilities that my friend Doct Elias J BLOUNT shall convey the above bequests to them or either of them as they severally may become free from their said liabilities, and that if it becomes necessary to dispose of any the above Negroes I request that the same may be done by the said BLOUNT; provided the same be required by the said James or Walter in writing of the said BLOUNT.

Item 5th It is my will that if either the said Walter or James should wish, that they or either of them may Will the above bequests to whomsoever they please and that the said BLOUNT convey the same to their devisees according to their wishes and interests as above

Lastly. I appoint my worthy friend Doctor Elias J BLOUNT my sole Executor to this my last will and Testament.

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
in the presence of

1858 Mary E CANNON {Seal}

Jesse NOBLE

Jacob McCOTTER

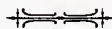
North Carolina) Court of Pleas & Qr Se.ns



Pitt County Nov Term 1861

There was the within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary E. CANNON decd produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Jesse NOBLES & Jacob McCOTTER the two subscribing witnesses to the same, It was then ordered that said will and this certificate be recorded & filed. At the same time Elias J BLOUNT the person named as executor in said will Came into open Court and duly qualified as such according to law.

E. A. DANCY Clerk"



## WILL OF MARTHA MAY, 1850

Taken from Pitt County Wills, CR 079.801.11, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"In the name of God Amen I Martha MAY of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this Eighteenth day of September in the Year of our lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty make and declare this my Last will and testament in the manner following that is to say

1st It is my will that all my my Just Debts be Paid.

2nd I Loan to my neice Jacque Ann BEARDSLY wife of Lambert P BEARDSLY one Negro man by the Name Shepard During her natural Life it her death to belong to her Children

3rd I loan to my Neice Tabitha MAY Wife of James W MAY one Negro girl by the name of Winny During her natural life at her death to belong to her children

4th I Give and bequeath to Mary Ann HOLEDAY Daughter of John HOLEDAY and maria his Wife one Gold Chain and new breast Pin.

5th I Give and bequeath to Priscilla MAY my neice Daughter of Benjamin MAY and Mary Ann his Wife Five Hundred Dollars to be appropriated to the use of Educating of Said Priscilla MAY

6th I give and bequeath to my Nephew William MAY Son of Benjamin MAY and Mary Ann his Wife one Negro boy by the Name of Willie one by the name of Aaron and one Shert

7th I Give to my beloved Sister Louisa MOYE All my Towels and Table Cloths

8th I Give and bequeath to to my beloved Brother Benjamin MAY one Negro man by the name of Sam one Buggy and Harness

9th I Give and bequeath to my Sister Mary Ann MAY Wife of Benjamin MAY Fifty Dollars in Cash and all of my Cloths that is to say my Wearing apparel of every description to be Converted to the use of her children.

10th I Give and bequeath to my Neice Martha MAY Daughter of Benjamin MAY and Mary Ann his Wife all the Residue of my Estate after Taking out the devises and Legacies above mentioned that is to say one mahogany Table all my Beds and furniture all of my money and notes all of my crockery ware in short All of my Household property of every name and nature not otherwise disposed of all of my Kitchen furniture Consisting of Two Skillets one pot one Spider my will and desire is that the said Martha have all the residue of my Estate of every name and nature not otherwise Disposed of

Lastly I hereby make and ordain my Beloved Brother Benjamin MAY my Executor of this my Last will & testament at the same time Revoking all other wills by me made day and date first above written

Martha MAY {Seal}

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said Martha MAY the testator to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of Signing and Sealing thereof  
Witness

Gideon WARD

George W. PARKER"





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WILL OF ARTHUR TRIPP, 1857

Taken from Pitt County Wills, CR 079.801.16, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"State of North Carolina pitt. County

I arther TRIPP of the County and State aforesade Being in bad helth, but in Sound mind and disposing memmery do make this my Last will and testament in manner and form following that is to Say Item 1) I Lon unto my beloved wife bethene TRIPP during her Life all of my land to gether with all of my Stock of Every kind, have hold and kitchen firneture to her use provided She Shal pay all of my Just debts and af ter her decese I give and bequeth unto my two daughters all of the a bove Named lands and property to them and their forever the two daughters that I allude to is Elizebeth and gatsey Except the Land whare on hardy TRIPP now lives

Item 2) I give and bequeth unto my grand Children the lands whare on hardy TRIPP Now Lives to them and to thare use forever the Childring that I allude to is Leuiser, Senetty, and James TRIP Lisey Jane Salley John Lias and henry B. TRIPPE

I here unto Set my hand and Sele November 27th. 1857

At. James L. W. NOBLES

James TRIPP

Arther (his mark) TRIPP (Seal)

North Carolina} Court of Pleas & Qr

Pitt County Sessions Feby Term 1858

There was the within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Arther TRIPP decd. produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of James S W NOBLES and James TRIPP the two Subscribing witnesses to the same. It was then ordered to be Recorded and filed.

H. SHEPPARD Clerk"

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**John R. WAINWRIGHT**

*Farmville Enterprise, Fri., March 26, 1943*

Funeral rites for John Richard WAINWRIGHT, 75, well known Farmville citizen, who died at his home Monday morning, were held from the home Tuesday at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. M. E. TYSON of Stantonsburg, Free Will Baptist minister, in charge. Interment was in Hollywood cemetery here. Mr. WAINWRIGHT was the son of the late Alfred and Alice WAINWRIGHT and had lived his entire life in this community. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Minnie SOUTHALL WAINWRIGHT; four daughters, Mrs. Alvin NEWTON, Miss Lizzie WAINWRIGHT, and Mrs. Paul ALLEN of Farmville, Mrs. Joe LETCHWORTH of Greenville; a son, Sam WAINWRIGHT of Farmville, 15 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Daisy PIPPEN of Farmville; and a brother, H. C. WAINWRIGHT of Snow Hill.

**William P. BRYAN**

*Farmville Enterprise, Fri., March 26, 1943*

William Pugh BRYAN, 58, a former postmaster at Falkland and tax collector for Pitt County, died in a Wilson Hospital early Tuesday after a brief illness. Funeral services were held at the Falkland Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. C. A. LAWRENCE and the Rev. Arthur COURTNEY officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. BRYAN was a native of Bethel. He had lived in Falkland for 40 years. He was a member of the Falkland Presbyterian Church, and was the son of the late Benjamin and Sallie SMITH BRYAN of Pitt County. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eula Elizabeth SATTERFIELD BRYAN; a son, W. P. BRYAN, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. W. A. SHELTON of Norfolk, Va.; and a brother, Robert BRYAN of Hillside, Arizona.







# HOUSE FIRES

The following are various reports of house fires in Pitt County, which document the burning of many family records, photographs and bibles. From old newspapers, contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## **Mc. G. BULLOCK Fire**

*Eastern Reflector*, Nov. 22, 1893

Bethel Items.....The dwelling house of Mr. Mc. G. BULLOCK was consumed by fire Sunday morning. It was discovered about daylight. He saved nearly all his furniture and by hard work by the large crowd present managed to save his store house and the dwelling of Miss Hattie STOKES which were near by. We learn that the dwelling was insured for \$450. Gen. John W. COTTON and Mr. J. R. GASKINS of Tarboro were down to day looking after the matter.

## **Dwelling Burned**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Aug. 7, 1895

Mr. Benj. BELCHER, who lives two miles below Pactolus, lost his house and adjacent outbuildings by fire Saturday evening. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

## **R. J. W. CARSON Fire**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Mar. 14, 1894

Bethel Items....Mr. R. J. W. CARSON who lives about one mile from Bethel had the misfortune to have his dwelling house and a portion of his furniture destroyed by fire last Tuesday evening. The fire is supposed to have caught by matches from rats. It was discovered about six o'clock. In a short while a large crowd had assembled and by hard work managed to save the greater part of the furniture and the smoke house which was near by. A large portion of the finest bed clothing and his daughter's and son's clothes were burned. The loss is about \$800, no insurance. Mr. CARSON has the sympathy of the entire community. He was away from home at the time at Greenville serving as a juror and knew nothing of it until he received a telegram Tuesday night. He returned home Wednesday morning.

## **Residence Burned**

*Daily Reflector*, April 7, 1911

This morning between 12 and 1 o'clock the home of Mr. W. H. HARRINGTON, Jr., about three miles north of Greenville, was destroyed by fire, together with the entire contents, except one or two pieces of light furniture. Origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. HARRINGTON and some men rooming there had narrow escape from being burned, the house was far gone when they awoke. There was some insurance on the house but none on the furniture. Mr. C. D. HARRINGTON lost his furniture, which was stored there, also, insured.

## **Dwelling Burned**

*King's Weekly*, July 10, 1900

Standard Items.....The old farm dwelling, on the old plank road, familiarly known as "Baltimore" was burned a few nights ago.

## **Yankee Hall Burned**

*Washington Gazette*, April 24, 1890

The large residence at Yankee Hall, near Pactolus, was burned last Thursday night, and is supposed to have been incendiary. Mr. Henry DIXON, who is overseer, for Mr. LAUGHINGHOUSE, occupied the house and his wife had given birth to a child just four days before. All the furniture was destroyed, and we believe there was no insurance.



### **Fire in the Country**

*Daily Reflector*, Fri., Sept. 10, 1909

A few days ago Quinn COX, near Haddock's Cross Roads, lost his house and contents by fire. A quantity of tobacco packed in one room of the house was also destroyed.

### **Dwelling Burned**

*Eastern Reflector*, Dec. 22, 1899

A few days ago, near Crisp, Benj. T. EAGLES, Jr., lost his residence, which he had recently erected, by fire. It caught from a defective flue. Mr. EAGLES and his bride had not been occupying it a month. He was fortunate to save all his furniture.

### **Dwelling Burned**

*Eastern Reflector*, Fri., May 4, 1900

Grifton Items....We learn just before writing, that L. B. MEWBORN's house was burned and he lost most of his furniture.

### **Fire in Bethel Township**

*Daily Reflector*, Tues., Dec. 27, 1910

On Sunday night the home of Mr. J. S. BROWN, in Bethel township, together with nearly everything in the way of furniture in the house, was destroyed by fire. His children were away on a visit and Mr. MOORE was home alone. He was awakened about two o'clock by being almost stifled with smoke and found the house burning so rapidly that neither the building or contents could be saved. It is not known how the fire started. He had about \$500 insurance, but this will hardly cover a fourth of the loss.

### **Dwelling Burned**

*Daily Reflector*, Thur., Feb. 23, 1911

Ayden Items....The residence on the old homestead of the late John NICHOLS, which belonged to his daughter, Mrs. C. A. BLOUNT, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

### **Fire in Beaver Dam**

*Daily Reflector*, Fri., Sept. 16, 1910

About one o'clock on Wednesday morning Mrs. Allie JOYNER, of Beaver Dam township, lost her dwelling house and kitchen, and practically all the contents of both, by fire. Her son was first to discover the fire, and he barely had time to awaken his aged mother, and get her out in safety. By the time the neighbors could be aroused with the ringing of the farm bell and reach the scene, the fire had far advanced that practically nothing could be saved from the building. The fire started somewhere about the kitchen, but the cause is unknown. Mrs. JOYNER's loss is about \$1,500 on which she only had \$375 insurance. Notwithstanding her advanced age, she being over 80, she takes the loss of her home with remarkable resignation. She was heard to remark: "If the Lord saw fit to take away her home in her old age, it was all right, as he would soon take her and there will be nothing for her to trouble over."

### **Dwelling Burned**

*Daily Reflector*, Fri., Dec. 2, 1910

Ayden Items....Mr. D. Webb McGLOHON lost his dwelling house and contents by fire a few days ago. He only saved a few clothes.



### **Noah CHAPMAN Killed**

*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Aug. 7, 1895

A colored man named Noah CHAPMAN was killed Friday while beating a ride under one of the cars on the north bound freight train. It happened near Littlefield.

### **Henry FLEMING Dead**

*Carolina Messenger*, Goldsboro, NC

Fri., Jan. 10, 1873

Pitt County Items....Mr. Henry FLEMING, an old resident of Greenville, died on Monday before Christmas.



# ESTATE OF JOHN JONES, 1796

The following are abstracts of the disputed estate of John Jones of Pitt County found in the New Bern District Superior Court Estate Records, DSCR 206. 508. 5, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. See *Pitt County Genealogical Quarterly*, Vol. 5, No. 2, May 1998, for a related document concerning the murder of John Jones. Contributed by Janice Tripp Gurganus and Elizabeth Ross.



## JOSEPH BRILEY EXCTR. OF JOHN JONES DEC'D. VS BENJAMIN RODGERS

"Know all men by these presents that we Joseph BRILEY Isaac BRILEY & Abraham BRILEY of Pitt County are held and Firmly bound to Benjamin RODGERS of Pitt County aforesaid in the sum of one thousand pounds To be paid to the said Benja. RODGERS his heirs Excrs and admrs. to which we bind our Selves our heirs Excrs. and admrs. Jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and Dated this 31st day of Jany. 1794

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the Said Joseph BRILEY do and shall Will and truly Prosecute an appeal taken by him this day from a decree passed against him in the Court of the Said County of Pitt to the Superior Court of New Bern District and in Case he be cost therein Shall will and truly pay and Satisfy the Said Benja. RODGERS all the Costs of Said Suit which he may be legally Condemned to pay then the above obligation to be Void or else to Remain in full force and Virtue

Signed and Sealed in the presence of  
Geo EVANS

Joseph (his mark) BRILEY {Seal}

Isaac (his mark) BRILEY {Seal}

A true Copy Henry ELLIS CC

Abraham (his mark) {Seal}

SUMMONS To the Sheriff of Pitt in behalf of Benj. RODGERS From Sept. 1795 to March 1796  
Carls. BARBER, Jacob HARISS, Jesse MOORE, Edward MORE, Solomon PARTRICK, John BENTLY, Sary ASBIL, Richard MOY, John COURT, Kelea TUCKER, Solomon BRALEY, Jesse MOY

SUMMONS Craven on behalf of Benj. RODGERS Sept. 29 to Sept 1796  
Olive SAVAGE

SUMMONS Craven on behalf of Joseph BRILEY Sept. 1796  
Hadrianus VAN NOORDEN

SUMMONS Pitt on behalf of Benj. RODGERS Sept. 8 to Mar. 1796  
Gardner MOY, Jacob HARRIES, Joseph GILFORD

SUMMONS To David PERKINS, Sheriff Pitt on behalf of Benj. RODGERS Mar. 19 to Sept. 19, 1795  
Solomon PATRICK and Edward MOORE

SUMMONS To Edmund PERKINS, Sheriff Craven on behalf of Joseph BRILEY Sept. 19 to Sept. 27, 1794  
Sarah ASBELL and John BRADLEY

SUMMONS Pitt on behalf of Benj. RODGERS Mar. 19, 1794 to Sept. 19, 1794  
John BARBER Junr., John BENTLY, William HARRIS, Jesse MOORE, John MOY, William HELEN, John COURT, Keley TUCKER, Jacob HARRIS

SUMMONS Pitt on behalf of Joseph BRILEY Mar. 1794 to Sept. 19, 1794  
Jacob BRILEY, Tabitha CHERRY, Oliva SAVAGE, \_\_\_\_\_BENTLEY, Zelotes COLLINS, Franky HARRIS, John BENTLY





SUMMONS Beaufort on behalf of Benj. ROGERS Sept. to Mar. 1794  
Agnes LATHAM, Sarah ASBELL, John BRADLEY  
{John BRADLEY not found B. BLOUNT}

SUMMONS Pitt on behalf of Benj. ROGERS Sept. to Mar. 1794  
William BALDWIN, Solomon BRALEY, Keziah BARBER, Olife SAVAGE, William SPIEAR, Samuel  
DUDLEY  
Exec'd by Allen ATKINSON Shff

State of North Carolina} New Bern Superior Court of Law September Term 1796

**Deposition of Abraham HARDEE**

HARDEE says that John JONES dec'd. used to come by his house frequently when JONES was on his way to the mill. JONES would stay at HARDEE's while his meal was ground. JONES and a negro fellow would come in a canoe to HARDEE's landing and JONES would send the negro fellow to the mill and JONES would tarry at HARDEE's to talk. HARDEE says he heard JONES say he would never give Polly, the wife of Benjamin RODGERS, any part of his property and would rather see it go up in flames as to see her enjoy any part of it. He wished no harm to his slaves and wished that someone else would enjoy the benefit of them. HARDEE says that JONES offered the slaves to him, but he declined saying he had enough property to take care of. HARDEE told JONES to give them to his daughter and JONES replied that she was no daughter of his, saying she robbed JONES of all his money, destroyed a number of his valuable papers and tried to ruin him. JONES then asked HARDEE if he should leave his property for a free school. HARDEE told JONES that he thought that was too trifling to be of much service and should give his property to some poor person. JONES asked him who would you give it to? HARDEE replied to whomever you please. HARDEE says that he and JONES were near neighbors and he believed that JONES never intended to give Polly JONES (Mrs. Benjamin RODGERS) any part of his property. Sworn To Sept. 29th 1796 Jno F. SMITH Comr. C. C.

Abram HARDEE

**Deposition of Reuben EVERETT before John BOWERS, JP, May 12, 1796**

EVERETT says he never saw JONES while he was alive. Eight days after John JONES death, EVERETT saw JONES body after it was dug up. EVERETT says JONES body was putrified in part and he could not ascertain if arsenic poisoning was the cause of death as was maintained by others. EVERETT said that Dr. LEWIS in his book "Materia Medica" when treating the effects of arsenic says that it inflames the stomach lining, which occasions a swelling and mortification of the whole body and sudden putrification after death.

Reuben EVERETT

Order by the New Bern District Court to take the deposition of Doctor Jesse JONES concerning this case and return it to the Court, Sept. 12, 1795.

Silas COOKE Clerk of Court

March 19, 1795

**Deposition of Zelotes COLLINS**

COLLINS says that sometime before the death of John JONES, Jacob BRILEY came to his house in Williamston. BRILEY said that JONES requested COLLINS to stop by his house on his return to Greenville and write JONES will. COLLINS told BRILEY to tell JONES that he would call at his house the next Thursday. The Court at Williamston sat longer than usual and COLLINS arrived at JONES house on Saturday, about "two hours by sun in the evening." JONES was not at home and COLLINS left word with the family he had called to write JONES will, but could not tarry. COLLINS said he told them if JONES was anxious to have his will written, send his directions to him in "Greenville" and he would write it there and save him some expence. COLLINS says that the Christmas following, Jacob BRILEY called on him in "Greenville" and said JONES requested him again to ride down to his house and write his will, since he was very unwell. COLLINS said he could not go, but BRILEY was very urgent and pressed him hard until COLLINS "positively refused." BRILEY explained that why he was so urgent is that he wanted COLLINS to be a witness to the will. BRILEY said he had directions for the will if



COLLINS could not come. So COLLINS sat downright then and drew up the form of the will as it appears in court and gave it to BRILEY. COLLINS told BRILEY to carry the will to JONES, have him read it and if he liked it, sign it in the presence of two witnesses and declare it his last will and testament. COLLINS heard nothing more about the matter until 7 or eight days later after the death of John JONES. COLLINS went down with Doctor EVERETT to John JONES house where the coroner, Stephen BROOKS, Esq., had convened a number of neighbors to hold a coroners inquest on JONES body. They had JONES coffin taken up to see if he died from the effects of poison or not. The jury examined different parts of the body and found no mortification except a few purple spots around his neck and breast. COLLINS says he had frequently seen people of JONES age after death and he saw no swelling.  
Sworn To Sept. 29th 1796 Jno F. SMITH C. C. C. Zelotes COLLINS

**Deposition of Jacob BRILEY before John BOWERS, JP. May 12, 1796**

BRILEY says that the day after Christmas he saw John JONES sign his will and he signed it as a subscribing witness. BRILEY says that JONES gave all his property to Joseph BRILEY, except one acre to Olive SAVAGE and five shillings to Mary ROGERS, to prevent her from breaking into his estate. Jacob BRILEY says that JONES told him that he would sooner see his property consumed by fire than Mary ROGERS have any part of it. He also said he would rather see a live rattlesnake in his house than Mary ROGERS at any time. BRILEY said that JONES also said that if he died to give Joseph BRILEY his possessions.

**Deposition of Frankey HARRIS before John BOWERS, JP, May 12, 1796**

HARRIS says that on the night before John JONES died, she heard JONES say that everyone was mad with him because he wouldn't give his property to Mary ROGERS and they were afraid he would give it all to Joseph BRILEY. JONES said he hadn't given anything to anyone and that Jacob BRILEY had his will in his pocket. HARRIS said she heard JONES tell Jacob BRILEY to put JONES keys in his pocket and not let Mary ROGERS in the house. She also heard JONES say he had an old heart in his breast that had followed him for three or four years past.

Frankey (her mark) HARRIS

**Deposition of Tabitha CHERRY before John BOWERS, JP, May 12, 1796**

CHERRY says that on the day after Christmas, she saw John JONES sign his will and he was well and sitting up. She says that JONES gave everything he had to Joseph BRILEY. CHERRY also said JONES gave 5 shillings to Mary ROGERS and heard JONES say that he would rather give his estate to a negro or burn it up than let Benjamin ROGERS have it. CHERRY heard JONES say a few days before his death that his "complaint" came from a pain in his breast that he had had for three or four years.

Tabitha (her mark) CHERRY

Depositions sworn to in Open Court, Sept. 29, 1796 Silas COOKE CC:

**Deposition of Richard MOYE of Pitt County**

MOYE says he lived within about a mile and a half from John JONES, dec'd. for about 15 years. MOYE said he understood from JONES that Mary ROGERS was his only child and heir. That Mary being his only child he was very tender with her and never corrected her with anything heavier than broom straw.

Richd. MOYE

**Deposition of Solomon PATRICK of Pitt County**

PATRICK says he was at John MOYE's one day after John JONES died when Jacob BRILEY showed up there. Jacob BRILEY wanted to know what was to be done about "Solo. BRALEY" who had nailed up JONES house and prevented them from getting provisions. In the conversation, PATRICK asked BRILEY if JONES Had made a will. BRILEY answered yes and PATRICK asked him who did JONES leave his property to? BRILEY answered him that he had left it to two or three. PATRICK asked him who the persons were. BRILEY said Olive SAVAGE, Tabby CHERRY and his (BRILEY'S) father. When asked why JONES left his estate to BRILEY'S father, BRILEY replied because he was so involved, and Mr. JONES didn't think it proper to leave it to him (Jacob BRILEY), but had left it to his father for him.

Solomon PATRICK





**Deposition of Olive SAVAGE of Pitt County**

SAVAGE says Jacob BRILEY went to Williamston one Saturday, and John JONES not being at home, told SAVAGE and Tabitha CHERRY to tell JONES everything was alright. Briley told them that Mr. MOORE had summoned him to Martin County Court as a witness and would return as soon as he could. While BRILEY was gone, Mr. MOORE came to Mr. JONES and asked where Jacob BRILEY was. SAVAGE replied to Mr. MOORE, "don't you know?" Mr. MOORE answered he did not. Savage told Mr. MOORE that BRILEY TOLD us you had summoned him to Martin County Court as a witness. While she was telling this to Mr. MOORE, the negro woman tried to stop her and SAVAGE told her to hold her tongue. After Mr. MOORE left, the negro woman told SAVAGE "IF BRILEY had told such a lie I would not tell everybody of it." Mr. COLLINS came to Mr. JONES a few days after BRILEY left and told the negro wench to tell BRILEY to come to him as soon as he gets home as COLLINS might be gone from home. That COLLINS spoke to BRILEY at Martin County Court and was to do an instrument of writing for him.

Olive (her mark) SAVAGE

State of North Carolina Pitt County Speirs Landing, July 2, 1796

**Deposition of Jacob HARRIS**

HARRIS says that sometime before the death of John JONES, JONES came to his house. HARRIS said to JONES that he understood that JONES was going to give all his property to Jacob BRILEY. JONES replied "NO, BRILEY never shall have one shilling of it as long as he lives except he steals it."

State of North Carolina Pitt County Speirs Landing, July 2, 1796

**Deposition of Sarah ASBELL**

ASBELL says she was at the house of John JONES about two or three months before his death. While in conversation, JONES told her he was ruined. ASBELL asked him why and he said that he had heard Jacob BRILEY had told others that JONES was leaving his estate to him and he was never getting a wife as long as he lived. ASBELL said it was a good thing. JONES replied "that it was an outright lie, that he had never put pen to paper to convey his property to anyone. And besides why should I, I have only one daughter, Polly ROGERS, and she has been an undutiful child in every since of the word and there is no need to will my property to her since she will heir it at my death."

Sworn to by William JORDAN

Sarah (her mark) ASBELL

State of North Carolina Pitt County Speirs Landing, July 2, 1796

**Deposition of William BALDWYN**

BALDWYN says that sometime after the Revolution, John JONES came to his house and said he was afraid someone was going to take his life, the SPEIRS in particular. BALDWYN told him NO, but told him he better go to Martinsborough and inform the Committee. The next day JONES returned to BALDWYN's house and got BALDWYN to go with him to Martinsborough. They set out together for town and fell in with Col. Robert SALTER. JONES informed SALTER about his apprehensions and desired SALTER and BALDWYN to see that his daughter Polly gets his property if he should get killed, since she was his only child.

W BALDWYN

Sworn to by William JORDAN

State of North Carolina Pitt County Speirs Landing, July 2, 1796

**Deposition of Olive SAVAGE**

SAVAGE says that on the night before John JONES died, JONES desired Jacob BRILEY, who lived in the house with him, to go pay a debt he owed on board a northern vessel. BRILEY wouldn't go, saying his horse was out. JONES then offered BRILEY his mare if he would go to SPEIRS Landing for him and buy some rum and molasses. BRILEY wouldn't go and employed another man to run the errand. SAVAGE said that when BRILEY was out of the house, JONES told her he wished that BRILEY would go away so he could write his will. SAVAGE asked JONES if he was going to give his property to his daughter, and he said no, he was going to give it to her children. SAVAGE then asked him how he felt and JONES said that the ginger tea they had given him had poisoned him. JONES asked SAVAGE to look at his tongue, which was very black and swollen and Jones said his stomach was equally bad.

Sworn to by William JORDAN

Olive (her mark) SAVAGE



New Bern District

**Deposition of Charles BARBER of Pitt County**

BARBER says that soon after the first marriage of Mary JONES (daughter of John JONES dec'd.) to John GORMAN, BARBER heard JONES say that if the marriage hadn't happened in this country, it would be a hanging offense for a man to steal an "Heiress." BARBER asked JONES if Mary was an heiress and JONES said "yes, she is my Heiress."

Charles BARBER

**Deposition of Jesse MOORE of Pitt County**

MOORE says that the day after John JONES died, he was with others at JONES house. They asked Jacob BRILEY how JONES disposed his property. BRILEY said that JONES gave it all to his (Jacob BRILEYs) father. One of the men there asked to see the will and they all went to the house and BRILEY showed them a paper which he said was JONES will. MOORE then asked BRILEY if JONES had signed the will, and he said "no, I signed it."

Jesse MOORE

**Deposition of Olive SAVAGE of Pitt County**

SAVAGE says she went to John JONES house on a Friday before he died and she found his negro wench crying. SAVAGE asked her what was wrong and the negro wench said "my master accuses me of poisoning him and I have lived with him twelve years and never was accused of such a thing before by him," SAVAGE went to the other room to see JONES and he complained that he had a very sore mouth and throat and that a "very bad lax followed him." SAVAGE says she returned to see JONES on Sunday and JONES said he felt poorly and that they gave him ginger tea to drink and it poisoned him. SAVAGE and a old man named BENTLEY, who was there also, both said ginger tea is good and would not hurt anyone. JONES still claimed the tea poisoned him and complained that his breast was raw clear through. SAVAGE then looked at JONES' tongue and said it was swollen and black. SAVAGE got some "mouth water" and had JONES wash his mouth out, from which came rotten flesh. Mr. (or Mrs.?) BARBER also had the same condition afterwards on Tuesday. JONES said they gave him the ginger tea when Bett, the negro wench was gone to the landing to carry corn. SAVAGE returned on Monday and JONES was bedridden and still complaining of being very ill. SAVAGE came again on Tuesday and on that day Jones asked BRILEY to carry some corn to a vessel at the landing to pay for the cloth he had gotten for his negroes clothes. BRILEY said he would go, but left and turned out his horse. BRILEY returned and said his horse was gone. JONES then told BRILEY to take his mare, get some corn and go get him some rum and mollasses. JONES didn't have a desire to drink rum often, but wanted some then. BRILEY left and JONES began to talk about dying. SAVAGE told JONES that if your dying you should settle your business. JONES said he would when BRILEY left. JONES told them to send for BALDWIN or WHITEHEAD, they were the best "pens men" he knew. SAVAGE then asked JONES who he was going to leave his property to. JONES said he intended to give it to his daughters children. He would not give it to his daughter because she had displeased him in her first marriage. At that moment, BRILEY stepped back into the house and JONES asked him why he hadn't left with the corn. BRILEY said nothing, turned and left and went out and hired William HARRISS (who was there) to go get the rum and mollasses. JONES died that night about two in the morning and BRILEY stayed by him constantly. SAVAGE says that after JONES died, BRILEY wanted SAVAGE and the other women there to lay him out and not to send anyone out to get others to do it. SAVAGE says she heard JONES tell Solomon BRALEY on the Monday or Tuesday before his death that he had made no will. SAVAGE also said that about two weeks before JONES died, Jesse MOORE came to JONES house and called BRILEY out to the barn. They talked there and MOORE left. BRILEY came back to the house and asked Tabitha CHERRY to get his clothes packed because he was summoned as a witness to Martin County court. SAVAGE said BRILEY had a paper in his hand and when she held out her hand and asked to see it, BRILEY slipped it into his pocket.

Olive (her mark) SAVAGE

**Deposition of John Gray BLOUNT and Richard BLACKLEDGE, March 28, 1796**

BLOUNT says that he heard from one of the jurors who tried the case on March 26, 1796 in Superior Court in New Bern. BLOUNT said that a little after the jury had given their verdict in favor of the defen-





dant ROGERS, the juror said it was NO will and had left the court saying that. It was the jurors opinion that it was John JONES will because the witnesses couldn't have agreed so well on the facts unless it were not true.  
J BLOUNT

BLACKLEDGE says he heard another juror say that the reason the jury said it was no will was because of the impression that BRILEY was instrumental in procuring the will, but that he and others of the jury thought from the testimony given that JONES really did execute the will.

Sworn to by Jn. F. SMITH Comr. CC

Craven County

Rd. BLACKLEDGE

**Deposition of Jacob BRILEY, April 1, 1796**

BRILEY says that Frankey HARRIS of Pitt County is a material witness in the suit between Joseph BRILEY as executor of John JONES and Benjamin ROGERS. BRILEY says that HARRIS was summoned as a witness and attended one or two terms of court, but was so unwell this term and could not attend. BRILEY says HARRIS would have declared that JONES told her a few days before the death that he had made his will and disposed of his property the same as the will offered for probate.

Sworn to in Open Court, Silas COOKE CC

Jacob BRILEY

"In Consideration of the sum of five shillings to me in hand paid by Joseph BRILEY Executor of John JONES dec'd. I hereby acquit release & discharge the said Joseph as Executor aforesaid of all gifts claims and legacies arising from or accruing to me by the Will of the said John JONES In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this 20th day of March 1796

Test Richd. WHITEHURST

Tabitha (her mark) CHERRY {Seal}

Wm BLACKLEDGE

[Lawyers notes on back of this document]

"BENTLEY heard JONES say he had no occasion to make a deed having but 1 child  
Saw him make his mark to a deed

TUCKER. He had JONES will intended to get it proved at court, still alive

Edward MOORE. Jones had no hand in the deed— COLLINS wrote it  
He made the old man signe one!

BROOKES. JONES was a good writer, yet he has made his mark

COART) Conversation with HELLEN

COLLINS) BRILEY applied to him

Poison—Ratsbane"

BILLS charged to the Defendant:

John BENTLEY Mar. 1794—Sept. 1795 (90 mi. Court house to home) 3 days  
William HARRIS Mar. 1794—Sept. 1795 (100 mi.) 3 days  
Jacob HARRIS Mar. 1794—Sept. 1795 (100 mi.) 3 days  
Keley TUCKER Mar. 1794—Sept. 1795 (100 mi.) 3 days  
Solomon PATRICK Sept. 28, 1796 (100 mi.)  
Sarah ASBELL Sept. 28, 1796 (240 mi.)  
John Thompson BRADLEY Sept. 28, 1796 (100 mi.)  
Jesse MOORE Sept. 28, 1796 (100 mi.)





Olive SAVAGE Sept. 28, 1796 (100 mi.)  
 Jacob HARRIS Sept. 28, 1796 (100 mi.)  
 Richard MOYE Sept. 30, 1796 (96 mi.)  
 Kela TUCKER Mar. 26, 1796 (90 mi.)  
 Jesse MOORE Mar. 28, 1795 (90 mi.) 3 days  
 Jesse MOORE Mar. 28, 1795 & Sept. 1794 (180 mi.) 2 days  
 Agnes LATHAM Sept. 26, 1794 (84 mi.)  
 Edwd. MOORE Mar. 26, 1796 (100 mi.)  
 Edward MOORE Sept. 29, 1795 & Mar. 1795 (200 mi.) 2 days  
 John BARBER Mar. 1794 & Sept. 1795 (300 mi.) 3 days  
 Solomon PATRICK Mar. 26, 1796 (90 mi.) 1 day  
 Solo BRALEY Mar. 26, 1796 (100 mi.) 1 day  
 Charles BARBER Sept. 28, 1796 (120 mi.) 1 day  
 Jesse MOORE Sept. 28, 1795 (90 mi.) 1 day  
 Jesse JONES Mar. 28, 1795 (130 mi.) 2 days  
 Jesse MOORE Mar. 26, 1796 (90 mi.) 1 day

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**Mrs. Bettie ANDREWS Dead**  
*Daily Reflector, Wed., July 7, 1909*

Oakley Items, July 6.....The remains of Mrs. Bettie ANDREWS were brought here for burial Saturday afternoon from Chadburn, N. C. Mrs. ANDREWS was about 70 years old, a member of the Primitive Baptist church, a loving mother, a most excellent neighbor. Always speaking words of comfort in those in distress, her long life has been spent for the benefit of others, ever trying to make them happy. She leaves one son, Capt. W. A. ANDREWS, of Chadburn. A large crowd was present, at the burial to pay the last tribute of respect to this noble woman.

**Final Rites of Mrs. Mitt P. NEWTON**  
*Farmville Enterprise, Fri., Oct. 22, 1937*

Final rites for Mrs. Mitt Parker NEWTON, 70, widow of the late J. R. NEWTON, and a beloved and highly esteemed woman of Farmville, were held from her late home on Belcher street, at three o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. H. M. WILSON, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a member. Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery beneath a large and handsome floral tribute. Favorite hymns were rendered by the Fountain Presbyterian choir. Mrs. NEWTON succumbed Monday morning in a Greenville hospital, after an illness of three weeks, death resulting from an attack of pneumonia. Surviving are a brother, J. W. PARKER, a half-sister, Mrs. Watt PARKER; six nieces, Miss Ellie PARKER, Washington, Mrs. Fannie WHITEHURST, Charleston, S. C., Mrs. Charles BAKER, Plymouth, Mrs. Walter HATCH, Wilmington, Mrs. John TUGWELL and Miss Alice Harper PARKER, Farmville; seven nephews, Carl, Norfolk, Va., Delk, Dunn, and Tom PARKER, California, Jim, John, Ben and Dock PARKER, all of Farmville. Among other close relatives are; Mrs. R. A. FOUNTAIN, and Watt NEWTON, of Fountain, and J. K. NEWTON, of Enfield.

**Mr. W. C. McGOWAN**  
*Eastern Reflector, Fri., Oct. 12, 1900*

Black Jack Items, Oct. 9.....Mr. W. C. MCGOWAN, aged about 80 years, died at home about 3 miles from here on Sunday morning, Oct. 7. He was taken very suddenly and lived only a few minutes. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones left to mourn his death. The remains were taken to the SKINNER farm for burial today.

**Ed MAYO Dead**  
*Daily Reflector, Wed., July 7, 1909*

Black Jack Items, July 6...J. A. CLARK and W. V. CLARK left Saturday evening to be at the funeral of their uncle, Ed MAYO, who died Saturday morning near Gum Swamp.



# BIBLE RECORDS

## LEVI PIERCE BIBLE

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT Levi Pierce and Miss V. C Wetherington WERE UNITED BY ME IN THE BONDS OF HOLY MATRIMONY At A. R. Holton's on the 18th day of November in the year of our Lord 1897. in Presence of \_[blank]\_\_\_ Signed J. L Winfield

### Marriages

Doc. Smith and Mary E. Pierce were United in the holy Bonds of matrimony in the year. 1914 Apr 1  
J. R. Pierce and agnes Dixon were United in the holy Bonds of matrmony in the year. 1915 Apr 28  
Sam. Pierce and A. B. Suls [Sauls] were United in the holy Bonds of matrimony in the year..1920..Sept 14

### Births

Mary E. Piersce, daughter of Levi and V. C. Pierce his wife was borne Oct. 6th 1892.  
J. R. Pierce, Son of Levi and Katie his wife was borne May 29th. 1895  
Sam Pierce, Son of Levi and Katie his wife was borne Nov. 23rd. 1898  
Dennis Winfield Pierce, Son of Levi and Katie his wife was borne Aug. 29th. 1900.  
Damon. Pierce Son of Levi and Katie his wife was borne Sept. 18.th. 1903  
W. E. Pierce Son of Levi and Katie his Wife was borne March. 8. 1907  
F. R. Pierce Son of Levi and his Wife Katie was borne June. 2. 1910  
Katie. L. Pierce Daughter of Levi and his Wife Katie was borne Feb. 10. 1914.

### Deaths

Dennis Winfield died June, 1937  
Mrs Virginia Kathryn Pierce Wife of Levi Pierce died June 1939  
Mr. Levi Pierce died Jan. 26 1946

## THE PEADEN FAMILY BIBLE

From a typed transcript with notes. The introductory material is presented as direct quotations of the original transcriber (unknown). All annotations belong to the original transcriber, and are presented in parentheses.

Notes from conversation with Lucy Peaden Wooten March 11, 1979, re: the Peaden family, and the Dunn family.

"Madie Wooten's father and Pa (William H. Peaden) were first cousins. Pa called her grandfather 'Uncle Louis Peaden'. My grandpa and her grandpa were brothers."

"Grandmu's mother died when they were young. (The oldest was about 14 ?). One neighbor to determine how smart Aunt Bet (the oldest) was asked, 'Which had you rather have, ten pounds of cotten or 15 lbs. of cloth. Aunt Bet said, 10# of cotten because it would make more cloth.'"

Mammy (Kate Peaden) was the only child that lived. Her mama was Margaret Johnson.

"Grandmu said her daddy had a bad leg."

"Grandpa only had one arm."

"Grandmu, Aunt Kiz (old maid) and Uncle Robert were brothers and sisters."





Copy of material found tucked in Peaden family Bible in possession of Lucy Peaden Wooten.

William (?) Peaden married Penny Rogers (born 5-9-1817) on Dec. 22, 1831

Harriet Peaden	born July 21, 1833
Edmund	born July 11, 1835
Emily	born Jan. 19, 1837
William A.	born August 15, 1839
C. N. (?)	born Jan. 4, 1842
J. R.	born April 24, 1843
N. A. E. (?) Nan?	born October 4, 1845
J. F.	born March 4, 1848
Mary	born July 26, 1850
K. L.	born March 15, 1852
L. T.	born June 15, 1855
R. R.	born June 7, 1858

#### DEATHS

K. L.	died Oct. 3, 1864
J. F.	died October 16, 1866
Edmund	died October 30, 1866
William Peaden	died Sept. 5, 1867
Nan Rogers	died Dec. __, 1859
Barbara Jolly	died Feb. 22, 1867
Penelope Peaden	died Jan. 24, 1884
Harriet Peaden	died July 4, 1892



### THE JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS BIBLE

The old Bible was found at Cable & Craft Antique Store in April of 1985 and was shortly thereafter sold. The records were copied, in full, by Elizabeth Ross at that time. It was published in 1854 for the Bible Society of Pennsylvania.

Written on the fly-leaf: D. L. Swain  
Chapel Hill  
7 June 1860

Joseph H. Saunders  
Class of 1859-69?

The records:

Joseph H. Saunders and Fannie C. Neal were married in Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9th 1869

Norfleet Smith, son of J. H. & F. C. Saunders was born in Pitt Co. N. C. Dec. 5th 1869  
Lizzie Sheppard, daughter of J. H. & F. C. Saunders was born at Avon Pitt Co. Dec. 1st 1872  
John Hyer son of J. H. & F. C. Saunders was born at Avon July 23 1875  
Jas. McKinnon Saunders son of J. H. & F. C. Saunders was born at Avon April 23, 1878  
Susan Baker daughter of J. H. & F. C. Saunders was born at Avon Aug 19th 1880  
Joseph Hubbard son of J. H. & F. C. Saunders was born at Avon Dec 28th 1882  
Joseph H. Saunders died in Greenville Sept 24, 1885. Aged 45 years 1 month 1 day  
Norfleet Smith Saunders died at Avon Nov 29 1885. Aged 15 years. 11 months 24 days  
Lizzie Sheppard Saunders died at Avon May 5th 1875. Aged 2 years 5 month 4 days

All died of Hemorrhage Fever



Written sideways on back cover: Rev. A. S. Henry (?), D. D.  
22 Bible House  
The Soldiers & —(illegible)  
G—(illegible) 50ct



## THE JAMES G. SHEPPARD BIBLE

From a notarized transcript of the original Bible, both in possession of Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville, N. C. The library was established by the son of Henry Sheppard in memory of his father, William Henry Haywood Sheppard, whose descendants lived in Pitt County. The Bible was published in London, Eng.; some pages missing. It is now in storage and not available to the public. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Phereby Jones Sheppard daughter of James G. Sheppard and Mary Jones Sheppard was born the 10th day  
September A. D. 1810

William H. H. Sheppard son of the same was born 10th January 1813

Blanne Harper Sheppard son of same was born 1st January 1816

James G. Sheppard and Mary Williams Edwards was married the 19th day of December AD 1816

Martha Ann Sheppard daughter of James G. Sheppard and Mary Williams Sheppard was born Tuesday  
6th January 1818

Eliza Jan Glasgow Sheppard daughter of same was born Tuesday 15th February 1820

Theophilus Edward son of James Glasgow & Mary W. Sheppard was born on Sunday morning the 30th  
day of September A. D. 1821

Benjamin Edward son of same was born on Thursday 13th January AD 1825

Abraham Thomas was born on Wednesday morning about 1 o'clock January 23rd 1828

James Glasgow Sheppard was born on Monday evening September 13th 1830

Elizabeth H. Catharine was born on Saturday evening January 12th 1833

Robert Dunbar was born on Sunday night about 11 o'clock April 26th 1835

Joseph McMakin was born on Monday Morning 18th day of April 1837

James Glasgow Means was born on Monday morn. the 31 day of July 1838

Phereby Glasgow Sheppard Daughter of Benja and Martha Jones his wife was born 22nd January 1784  
departed this life on the 31st July 1804

James Glasgow Sheppard was born 3rd March 1786

Benjamin Caswell Dobbs Blount Sheppard 18th June 1791

William Sheppard was born 17th May 1794 departed this life on the 1st January 1795

Abraham Sheppard was born 15th March 1796

Benjamin Sheppard sen. departed this life 1st October 1798 aged 47 years six months

Benjamin C. D. B. Sheppard departed this life 1th Jany. 1817

Martha Jones Scurlock departed this life 6 day of July 1818

Joseph Scurlock son of Joseph and Martha his wife was born Friday morning 28th August 1801

Myal Scurlock was born 25th May 1803

Mary Jones Harper, wife of Jas. G. Sheppard was born April 5, 1787, d. May 12, 1816

James G. Sheppard departed this life on the 8th day of July 1841 at Hernando, Miss.

William Henry Haywood Sheppard was born 10th January 1813 —Died Oct. 27, 1881

Margaret Ann Sheppard, wife of Henry Sheppard was born 9th September, 1822. Died July 29, 1863

Elizabeth Williams Sheppard, daughter of Henry and Margaret Ann Sheppard was born 21st June 1842 —  
Died December 21, 1868

Margaret Ann Sheppard, wife of Henry Sheppard was delivered of an infant female on 16th March 1844

James Glasgow Sheppard, son of Henry and M. A. Sheppard was born 6th of February 1845

Benjamin Streeter Sheppard son of H. and M. A. Sheppard was born 15th December 1846



Mary MacKlewain Sheppard, daughter of Henry and M. A. Sheppard was born 12th October 1848  
 Alice Sheppard, daughter of Henry and M. A. Sheppard was born 8th June 1850  
 Martha Sheppard, daughter of Henry and M. A. Sheppard was born 14th April 1852  
 Henry Sheppard, son of Henry and M. A. Sheppard was born 26th June 1854  
 Margaret Ann Sheppard, daughter of Henry and M. A. Sheppard, was born 10th April 1856  
 William Sheppard, son of Henry and M. A. Sheppard was born 6th June 1858  
 Susan Emma Sheppard, daughter of Henry and M. A. Sheppard was born 20th November 1859  
 Alexander Sherrod Sheppard, son of Henry and M. A. Sheppard was born 15th November 1861  
 Lawrence Baker Sheppard, son of Henry Sheppard and Lizzie Turnage Sheppard, his wife was born 1st December 1866

B. Harper Sheppard and Phereby R. Donelson, daughter of Lemuel and Eliza J. Donelson were married at Nashville on the second day of August, 1838

B. H. Sheppard was born on the first day of January, 1816 at Snow Hill Greene County, North Carolina  
 Phereby R. Donelson his wife was born near Franklin Williamson County Tennessee on the 16 October 1824  
 Benjamin E. Sheppard & Francis E. Curtiss was married 22nd day of November 1860

Harper Donelson Sheppard, son of Henry and Lizzie Sheppard was born 9th October 1868  
 James Sheppard son of Benjamin Sheppard and Martha Jones was born the 3rd day of March A. D. 1786  
 was married to Mary J. Armstrong widow of Wm. H. Armstrong and daughter of of Blanne and Elizabeth Harper Dec. 13th 1809  
 Mary J. Sheppard departed this life on the 12th day of May A. D. 1816  
 Phereby Jones Sheppard daughter of James G. Sheppard and Mary Jones Sheppard departed this life the 30th day of July 1811  
 Martha Ann Sheppard daughter of James G. Sheppard and Mary Williams Sheppard departed this life Saturday the 26th day of August A. D. 1820  
 Theophilus Edward Sheppard departed this life on Thursday the 26th day of February A. D. 1824  
 Joseph McMakin Sheppard departed this life on Sunday the 15th day of Sept. 1840  
 James G. Sheppard departed this life on Thursday the 8th day of July, 1841  
 James G. Sheppard Junr. departed this life on Friday the 20 day August 1841

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of B. H. and Phereby R. Sheppard was born near Nashville on the morning of th 19th of June A. D. 1839

Phereby Whyte, daughter of same was born near Franklin Tenn on the morning of the seventh of March A. D. 1841

Lemuel Donelson Sheppard son of same was born in Nashville on Sunday the 16th of July 1842  
 Harper Sheppard second son of same was born near Nashville Thursday morning May 1, 1845  
 Mary Frances, third daughter of same was born near Nashville on Thursday March 1, 1849  
 John William Sheppard, third son of B. H. and Phereby R. Sheppard was born on the 14th of July, 1853  
 Maida Harper, seventh child of same was born on the 11th day of January A. D. 1857

Francis E. Shell, Daughter of Dr. Thomas Shell, Newbery, South Carolina born 28 day Dec. a.d. 1833  
 Mary Custiss Sheppard Daughter of B. E. & Frances E. his wife was born Mobile, Ala. Sept. 27th 1861  
 Benjamin E. Sheppard, Jr. son of B. E. & F. E. his wife born in Miss. 12 Feb. 1863. Died 20th of same month, 1863

Benjamin Harper Sheppard born in Miss. August 11, 1865

Willie Liss Sheppard of same was born Memphis, Tenn. August 10th 1868

Benjamin Custiss Sheppard son of same departed this life July 20 1864 age 2 years 9 months 20 days

Benjamin Harper Sheppard son of same died in Miss. Nov. 25, 1866 age 1 year 3 months 9 days

Mary Elizabeth, eldest daughter of B. H. and Phereby R. Sheppard died of measles at Nashville on Wednesday morning at half past 12 o'clock, June 7, 1848

Harper, second son of same died of measles at Nashville on Tuesday night at half past 11 o'clock, May 24, 1848 aged three years and twenty four days

Mary Frank, third daughter of B. H. and Phereby R. Sheppard departed this life 11th March 1856, aged seven years and ten days





Phereby, second child of B. H. & Phereby R. Sheppard departed this life on the 10th day of June A. D.  
1859, aged eighteen years three months and twenty three days  
Lemuel Donelson died near Franklin Tenn. on the second day of June 1832, aged 43 years  
Eliza J. his wife died in Nashville on the sixth of December, 1832, aged thirty years

James G. Sheppard departed this life July 8, 1841, age fifty five years.  
Mary Jones Sheppard his wife died May 12, 1816, aged twenty nine years.  
Thomas E. Harper & Eliza Scurlock was married 25th day of May 1822  
Cornelia Ann daughter of Thomas & Eliza was born the 5th day of March 1823  
Martha Elizabeth was born 1st December 1824.  
Richard Graves was born 5th March 1827



## THE RUEL ANDERSON TYER BIBLE

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### Births

Norfleet Tyer son of James and Martha Tyer was born May 17, 1807—died Feb. 1855, aged 47 years  
Elizabeth V. Tyer daughter of Norfleet and Abigail M. Tyer was born Oct. 3, 1836  
James R. Tyer son of Norfleet and Abigail M. Tyer was born Feb. 8, 1839—died Oct. 15, 1863, aged 24 years  
John E. Tyer son of Norfleet and Abigail M. Tyer was born Dec. 18, 1840—died Aug. 19, 1917, aged 76 years  
Thomas B. Tyer son of Norfleet and Abigail M. Tyer was born Aug. 27, 1844—died Sept. 12, 1864,  
aged 21 years

### Deaths

James Tyer died March 11, 1850 aged 79 years  
Elizabeth Williams died June 1st 1850 aged 52 years  
Abigail Moye Tyer died April 4, 1866, aged 64 years—born 1802

### Marriages

Norfleet F. Latham and Nancy Gardner were married Feb. 15, 1849  
Readin Gay and Martha A. Tyer were married Feb. 15, 1849

### Births

Lawrence A. Tyer, son of John E. and Eliza A. Tyer was born March 18, 1873  
Charles James Tyer, son of John E. and Eliza A. Tyer was born Dec. 31, 1874  
Elizabeth Virginia Tyer daughter of John E. and Eliza A. Tyer was born Feb. 6, 1876  
John Edwin Tyer son of John E. and Eliza A. Tyer was born Jan. 8, 1878  
Ralph Lang [Long?] Tyer son of John E. and Eliza A. Tyer was born March 27, 1880  
Ruel Benjamin Anderson Tyer son of John E. and Eliza A. Tyer was born Sept. 8, 1882  
Annie Lee Tyer daughter of John E. and Eliza A. Tyer was born Jan. 27, 1886



## THE THADDEUS NORFLEET TYER BIBLE

Copied by Roger Kammerer from records given to Rev. Robert Tyson by Mrs. Harvey Ruel Tyer, October 1986; a transcript of the Bible records of Thaddeus Norfleet Tyer, deceased 1936, of Princess Ann County, Virginia.

### Births

Patsey Tyer wife of James Tyer was born April 3, 1781



## Marriages

James Tyer and Patsey were married Jan. 20, 1806

## Births

Norfleet Tyer son of James and Patsey Tyer was born May 17, 1807

Letty [or Lotty] Tyer daughter of James and Patsey Tyer was born Nov. 10, 1808

Penny Tyer daughter of James and Patsey Tyer was born May 11, 1811

Alley Tyer daughter of James and Patsey Tyer was born Jan. 27, 1813

William Lindley Tyer son of James and Patsey Tyer was born Oct. 17, 1814—d. Sept. 22, 1886

Thaddeus Tyer son of James and Patsey Tyer was born Nov. 9, 1818

Martha Ann Rebecca Tyer daughter of James and Patsey Tyer was born March 26, 1830

## Marriages

William Lindley Tyer and Ann Eliza Ormand were married March 31, 1861 [she was 22 years old]

## Births

Martha Ann Tyer daughter of William L. and Ann Eliza Tyer was born April 8, 1862—d. Sept. 23, 1866

Mary Ormand Tyer daughter of William L. and Ann Eliza Tyer was born April 23, 1864

Elizabeth Virginia Tyer daughter of William L. and Ann Eliza Tyer was born April 25, 1866—d. Oct. 6, 1870

William Henry Tyer son of William L. and Ann Eliza Tyer was born Nov. 17, 1868—d. Jan. 18, 1929

Thomas Ralph Tyer son of William L. and Ann Eliza Tyer was born July 26, 1871 [living at Bath, NC 1941]

James Franklin Tyer son of William L. and Ann Eliza Tyer was born Aug. 2, 1875 [living at Bath, NC 1941]

Thaddeus Norfleet Tyer son of William L. and Ann Eliza Tyer was born April 18, 1878—d. April 24, 1936

William M. Tyer son of Thomas Ralph and Matilda E. [Latham] Tyer was born Oct. 22, 1893

## Deaths

James Tyer departed this life the 11th. of March A.D. 1850 aged about 79 years

## Births

Norfleet Franklin Latham was born Oct. 5, 1827 son of James and Penny T. Latham

Mary Elizabeth Latham was born May 1831 daughter of James and Penny T. Latham

James W. F. Moy son of Hardy Moy was born Dec. 3, 1840

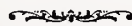
Harriett Moy daughter of Hardy Moy was born Feb. 1842

Thaddeus Moy son of Hardy Moy was born Dec. 9, 1843

## Death

Ruel B. Tyer died Jan. 1956

Names of slaves were included in this bible. [not listed in the transcript provided]



## THE EDWARD CARMAN BIBLE

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## Marriages

Edward Carman and Elizabeth H. Frizzle were married Feb. 18, 1836

Edward Carman, Jr., and Cornelia P. Moore were married May 16, 1877

Edward Carman, Sr., and Martha Langley was married in the town of Hamilton in Martin Co., N. C. the 28th day of November A. D. 1888 at 8 o'clock in the morning.





## Births

Edward Carman was born January 1, 1818  
Elizabeth H. Carman was born December 7, 1818  
William J. Carman, son of Edward and Elizabeth Carman, was born January 7, 1837  
Jonathan Frizzle Carman was born January 10, 1839  
Elizabeth Frances Carman was born May 25, 1841  
Augustus Washington Carman was born May 25, 1841  
Rutha Ann Elizabeth and Hannah Cordelia Carman were born July 30, 1845  
Edward Coward Carman was born July 30, 1847  
Zilpha Adlade Cordelia Carman was born January 31, 1849  
Lewis Kosuth Carman was born Feb. 18, 1851

Joseph Carman was born May 5, 1855  
Cordealia Coward was born May 25, 1777  
William McCoy was born June 1, 1772—her husband  
Cullen McCoy was born May 15, 1797  
William McCoy was born December 17, 1798  
Zilpher McCoy was born August 22, 1801  
Reuben H. Jackson was born July 11, 1808  
Martha E. Langley was born Feb. 12, 1855  
Marie Ruth Cannon was born July 27, 1901  
Leon Earl Cannon was born Nov. 6, 1903  
Hattie Olivia Cannon was born Mar. 30, 1905  
James Emanuel Cannon was born Jan. 20, 1875  
Alice Carman was born Oct. 2, 1882  
Lillian Mae Cannon was born Aug. 16, 1908  
Daisy P. Carman was born Aug. 17, 1879  
Della E. Carman was born Sept. 3, 1880  
Marvin E. Carman was born May 30, 1885  
Clyde Woodward Cannon was born June 6, 1920

## Baptisms:

E. C. Carman was baptized at Little Creek Bridge.  
Daisy Carman was baptized at Frizzle Mill.  
Della Carman was baptized at Frizzle Mill.  
Mary Alice Carman was baptized at Little Creek.  
Marvin Edward Carman was baptized at Frizzle Mill.

## Deaths

Mrs. Sarah Dawson departed this life Feb. 2, 1903  
William McCoy, the husband of Cordealia McCoy, who was first Cordealia Coward, died Sept. 13, 1802,  
and was killed by lightning.  
Augustus Washington Carman, son of Edward and Elizabeth H. Carman departed this life, Aug. 1, 1844  
Elizabeth Frances Carman, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth H. Carman, departed the life July 6, 1844  
Hannah Cordealia Carman, the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth H. Carman departed this life  
Aug. 31, 1845  
Joseph Carman, son of Edward and Elizabeth H. Carman departed this life July, 1855  
Charles Garrold Carman, son of Edward and Elizabeth H. Carman departed this life Feb. 1, 1856  
Lewis Kossuth Carman, son of Edward and Elizabeth H. Carman departed this life Sept. 7th, 1856  
Cornelia P., wife of Edward J. Carman, departed this life A. D. Nov. 30th, 1886  
Zilpha Adelaide Cordelia Carman, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth H. Carman departed this life  
Oct. 6, 1857  
Rutha Ann Elizabeth Carman, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth H. Carman departed this life Oct. 5, 1857  
Jonathan F. Carman was killed at the Battle of Sharpsburg in Mariland, Sept. 17, 1862



Cordelia Carman departed this life Jan. 6, 1867  
 Dr. William J. Carman departed this life Feb. 23, 1884  
 Elizabeth H. Carman, wife of Edward Carman departed this life Sept. 12, 1887  
 Edward Carman departed this life Mar. 22, 1910

## WILLIAM DAVID BARBER BIBLE

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Note: Items relating to living persons have been omitted. —editor.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That William David Barber and Martha Jane Hardee WERE UNITED BY ME IN HOLY MATRIMONY at Joseph Ringgold on the 27 day of Nov. In the year of our Lord 1871 In Presence of Large Crowd Signed L. W. Anderson. D. W. Tucker. Bill Cherry. J. P.

Name	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	Date of Marriage	Date of Death
William David Barber	Pitt Co. N. C.	Jan. 31 1847	Nov. 29 1871	February 13 1885
Martha Jane Hardee Barber 1919	Pitt Co. N. C.	Nov. 5 1854	" " "	" 22
Lawrence Sullivan Barber	Pitt Co. N. C.	January 15 1876		July 30 1877
Abram Wyatt Barber	Pitt Co. N. C.	" " " 17, 1878	Sept 20, 1899	June 24 1939
Joe John Burns Barber	Pitt Co. N. C.	Sept 22 1879	June 6 1891	
Snodie Leon Barber	Pitt Co. N. C.	January 20 1882		" " 15 1891
Noah Heber Barber	Pitt Co. N. C.	April 11 1884	July 5 1902	
Joseph Ringgold	Pitt Co. N. C.	Oct 18 1805	Married 3 Times	Sept 1881
Luezer Rinngold Hardee	Pitt Co. N. C.	June 20 1835	1852	Oct 5 1903
Susan E. Hardee (Harris)	Pitt Co. N. C.	Aug	Sept 2 the Sunday 1903	April 7 1918
Joe W. Hardee	Pitt Co.	May 10 1860	Killed By Frank Wynn with cars 14 1929	April 7 1918
Snodie Bond Hardee	Pitt Co.	Nov 13 1862	Sept 7 1878	July 29 1932

### Births

William D. Barber the son of Abram Barber was borned Jan. 31the 1847.  
 Martha J. Barber wife of William D Barber was borned Nov. 5the 1854  
 Lawrence S. Barber son of W. D & M J Barber was borned Jan. 15the. 1876.  
 Abram Wyatt Barber son of W. D. & M J Barber was borned Jan. 17the. 1878.  
 Joe John B. Barber son of W. D. & M J. Barber was borned Sept. 22the. 1879  
 Snodie Leon Barber son of W. D. & M. J. Barber was borned Jan. 20the. 1882  
 Noah Heber Barber son of W. D & M J Barber was borned April 10the 1884  
 Mittie C Barber wife of N. H. Barber was borned August 22th, 1876  
 William Jackson Barber son of N. H. & M. C. Barber was borned Jun the 4, 1903  
 Willim Eddie Barber Son of N H & M C Barber was Borned March the 18 1906  
 Mattie Laura Barber was born July 31 19 [cut off photocopy]  
 Clara Arrington Barber was born Novemember 3, 1915

### Deaths

Mittie C Barber departed this life June 23rd 1908.  
 Noah H Barber son of N. H. Barber departed life May 11 1912.  
 Lena E Stokes Died March 17 1938  
 Eddie Lee Barber Died Nov 28th 1953



Charles Edmund Parkerson the son of Eley Parkerson departed this life September 27. day 1903.  
Edward Lee Barber Dc. 16 1932. Barbara A. Barber Feb. 1937.  
Barry F. Barber July 11, 1947.

THIS CERTIFIES That the rite of HOLY MATRIMONY was celebrated between N. H. Barber of Pitt Co.  
and M. C. Parkerson of Pitt Co. on July 6th 1902. at 9 oclock by James Corbett.  
Witness: S. B. Hardee J. E. Parkerson

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### **J. T. HELLEN, Confederate Veteran** *New Bern Daily Journal, Sept. 9, 1893.*

Mr. J. T. HELLEN an old confederate soldier and ex-sheriff of Pitt county is in the city. Mr. HELLEN served through the war from 1861 until the first days fight in the battle of the Wilderness on May 5, 1864 at which time he lost one of his legs. This was the fight in which the great commanders Grant and Lee first met with their opposing forces. The battle opened by General C. A. BATTLE, now of the *JOURNAL* staff. Mr. HELLEN is now engaged in selling books—religious and historical. He especially delights in introducing standard works treating on the war and rightly thinks it a duty this generation owes to itself and the gallant heroes of the confederacy to see that their deeds of valor are cherished and the memory of them passed on with undimmed lustre to succeeding generations.

### **First War Pension** *Eastern Reflector, Fri., July 7, 1899*

The first pension to be received in Pitt county as the outgrowth of the war with Spain, came to Frances REEVES, colored, on Monday. She is the widow of Kit REEVES who died in the hospital while his regiment was in camp at Knoxville, Tenn. His remains were brought to Greenville. His widow receives a pension of \$12 a month.





# QUERIES

Who was the first wife of Seth SUTTON, b. April 13, 1798, d. Feb. 5, 1884 in White Co., ILL, and did they have children? Seth md. second in 1846 in White Co.. ILL. to Sally EDWARDS . Seth and Sally are my husbands great great grandparents.

—Charlene Strode MONTGOMERY; W7289 Becherer Dr.; Minong, WI 54859-9208 (715-466-4842)

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Searching for maiden name, names of parents, marriage date and location for Lucinda (Lucy) \_\_\_\_\_, b. in SC, who was wife of David SMITH, b. in mid-1790's, and was living in Chattooga Co., Ga. in 1850.

—Dorothy S. DUFF; 2806 Majestic Dr.; Ooltewah, TN 37363-8937 <Dsdnew@aol.com>

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The FAULKNER family in Greene Co., NC have a close relationship with the STOCKS family in Pitt Co. I am interested in information about Gardner FAULKNER, b. 1802, who md. Louisa \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1808; Redden FAULKNER, b. 18\_5 and wife Lucinda STOCKS, b. 1834; and Wiley J. FAULKNER, b. 1858 and wife Mary A. STOCKS, b. 1863.

—Betty L. HELDMAN; 2146 Seaton Springs Rd., Sevierville, TN 37862 (423-429-4674)

<BHeldman@BellSouth.com>

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Searching for the parents and descendants of the William TISON that purchased 2 town lots in Martinsborough, Pitt Co. in 1772, and sold them in 1782. I need to determine if this William TISON is a relative of the other TYSON/TISON families located in Pitt County at that time.

—Jerry T. BARTON; 209 Southcross; Georgetown, TX 78628-3026 (512-863-8409) <jbarton85@aol.com>

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I need to find the maiden name of Mary, the wife of Henry HODGES who died in Pitt Co. after Nov. 16, 1802.

—Mrs. Jean CALDWELL; P. O. Box 381; Washington, NC 27889-0381 (252-946-2404)

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Seeking descendants and kin of Rigney MURPHY and Guilford MURPHY from 1800 forward. Also Capt. John MURPHY was supposed to have owned "Bear Garden Plantation" in Dobbs/Greene County, NC in the late 1700's. Where is the present location of the "Bear Garden Plantation."?

—J. A. L. MILLER, Jr., 7912-H Harris Hill Lane; Charlotte, NC 28269-0704 (704-549-5666)

<jalmillerjr@att.net>

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Looking for information on Lewis PELT, b. Beaufort Co., NC 1800-1810, alive on 1840 NC Census and John PELT, b. ca. 1826 in Beaufort Co., NC, believed to be the son of Lewis PELT. John is found on the 1850 Wayne Co., NC Census.

—M. P. PELT; P. O. Box 506; Spring Valley, CA 91976-0506 <termel@aol.com>

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I am looking for slave documents or lists from the Amos JOYNER family, Sherrod TYSON family and the MAY families from around the Farmville area.

—Simon HEMBY, Jr.; 1437 East Baltimore St.; Baltimore, Md. 21231-1405 <SHembyjr@aol.com>

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I am looking for the parents of Sarah Elizabeth PEARCE, b. Aug. 26, 1824 in Pitt Co., d. Sept. 27, 1892 in Onslow Co., NC. They may be the W. L. B. PEARCE and his wife, Mary G. \_\_\_\_\_, b. ca. 1795 and d. ca. 1852, buried in Cherry Hill Cemetery in Greenville, NC.

—Kathleen WILDE; 3407 S. Westminster Way; Bloomington, IN 47401-8631 (812-336-0526)

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I am looking for the parents and descendants of Vincent CAMPBELL, b. 1814, who md. in 1839 to Lovey GARNER. Their children were: Elizabeth, Martha, James Edward, Mary L., and Sarah J. Campbell. They were located in the Crossroads District in the 1850 Pitt County census.

—Charlotte S. BROOKS; 4006 Tanglewood Dr.; Chesapeake, VA 23325 (757-420-6618)

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Looking for the parents of Austin FLOOD who md. in 1850 to Frances \_\_\_\_\_. They had three children: Austin, Jr., Warren and Josephine FLOOD, who md. in 1862 to Jim TUCKER. Austin FLOOD was a the noted minister of the African Baptist Church, which became known as the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church in Greenville, NC.

—Demetria TUCKER; 6982 Sweet Cherry Court; Roanoke, VA 24019-2151 (540-853-2955)

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I would like to correspond with a descendant of Marcellus MOORE, merchant of Greenville, NC. He along with my uncle John MOORE operated a store under the style J & M MOORE. They were in business until the Civil War; after which John MOORE operated the store himself. I will share information about accounts, bills, etc.

—Rachel B. HORD; P. O. Box 517; Crescent City, FL. 32112

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# REUNION 2000

## OCTOBER 6-7, 2000\*

### 4th Annual

### Pitt County Family Researchers, Inc.

### Reunion Weekend.

Hooker Memorial Christian Church Activity Building  
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Registration \$10

Early Registration guarantees catered Saturday lunch  
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Friday, Oct. 6:

Registration/Sign in: 9:00 am

Trips to court house and libraries

Dutch dinner (if enough people indicate interest)

Saturday, Oct. 7:

Registration/Sign in: 9:00 am

Information Exchange (bring your papers, etc.!) 9:00-4:00

Lunch, 12:00 noon

For registration form and questions, contact:

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\* The May issue erroneously gave the dates Oct. 8-9.  
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## Jesse BRILEY

*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas, Lee County; The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1890.*

Jesse BRILEY came to Arkansas in the fall of 1851, first locating in St. Francis County, and later in Lee County, being employed as a farm hand for seven or eight years. In 1859 he bought a quarter section of land, on which he lived until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in the Thirteenth Arkansas Infantry, but was soon transferred to the second Arkansas Cavalry, serving in Price's raid through Missouri. After the war he returned to his farm, which he found badly delapidated, and was obliged to start from the bottom of the ladder, but has been very successful, now owning 700 acres of land, with 400 acres under cultivation. Besides this he owns a house and lot at Haynes, and is a stockholder in the Haynes Merchantile Company. Mr. BRILEY was born in North Carolina, in 1834, and was married in 1859, to Miss Emma DANIEL. They are the parents of four children: Sallie, Laniar, Katie and Ida. He is a member of the Masonic order, and also of the Knights of Honor. He is a Democrat in politics, and is well known and highly respected as a citizen.



## Abraham HANCOCK

*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas, White County; The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1890.*

John HANCOCK was a native of North Carolina, and was born July 26, 1804, and was married in 1828 to Miss Martha HARRINGTON, who was born in North Carolina June 10, 1809. In 1836 he moved to Madison County, Tenn., and there engaged in his trade of blacksmithing until 1858, and after a residence of several years in Van Buren County came to White County, where he now resides with his aged wife. Mr. HANCOCK is of Irish descent, and an own cousin of Gen. W. S. HANCOCK. He has held the office of sheriff in Van Buren County, but has never aspired to office. His wife is of English descent, and both are adherents of the Baptist faith. To them have been born a family of nine children, all living, in which Abraham, the subject of this sketch, is the eldest. He is a native of North Carolina, and was born November 22, 1830. He was reared on a farm and learned the saddle and harness-maker's trade, which has been his principal work, but is also a good carpenter. He was given a good education in the common schools of his native State, and at the age of twenty-one began life for himself, first as office boy in a bank and later as clerk for a cotton ginner. He was married on March 20, 1851, to Miss Leana C. JONES, and to their union one child was born, Martha R. (now the wife of J. J. MARTIN, a farmer of Faulkner County, Ark.) Mrs. HANCOCK died in September, 1857, and in March, 1858, Mr. HANCOCK was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca A. BERTRAM, a native of Tennessee. To this union five children have been born, two of whom are now living: John S. (a farmer of White County, and who married Elizabeth LANDERS, a daughter of Thomas LANDERS, of White County) and Vera A. (born March 14, 1883. Those deceased are William H., Paralea A. and Lena. In May, 1861, Mr. Hancock enlisted in Company B, Twelfth Tennessee Infantry, and served until the surrender in 1865. He participated in the battles of Belmont (Mo.), Shiloh (Tenn.), Richmond (Ky.), Missinary Ridge, and at the later place was wounded by a gunshot, and was helpless for one year. At the battle of Shiloh, he was shot through the hip, and from that wound he still suffers. The last engagement that he took part in was the encounter at Franklin, where he was injured, and which disabled him for some time. During the entire war Mr. HANCOCK served as orderly-sergeant, his military record being one without blemish. He received his parole in 1865, and at once returned home; here resumed his trade of harness making until 1871. He then came to White County and purchased a farm of sixty acres. One year later he moved to El Paso and worked at his trade there, and has since been engaged at farming and carpentering up to the present time. Mr. HANCOCK has erected some twelve or fourteen gin powers in White County alone, and there are many marks of his handiwork in different parts of the country. He is a Democrat in his political views, but an independent voter. He has held the office of constable and deputy sheriff in Tennessee, and in 1885 was elected to the position of justice of the peace of





Royal Township, which office he is at present filling. Mr. HANCOCK is an honorary member of El Paso Lodge No. 65, A. F. & A. M., and was secretary of said lodge for eight years; he is also a member of Lodge No. 6, and is E. S. W. P. of that lodge. Mr. and Mrs. HANCOCK are members of the El Paso Baptist Church, and the former always gives his support to all laudable enterprises for the public good. Mr. HANCOCK is a member of New Hope Wheel No. 32, in which he was the efficient secretary for years, and is an ardent worker for his order.



### **Edward HARPER**

*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas, White County, The Goodspeed Publication Company, 1890.*

Edward HARPER, AN influential citizen of Romance, is the son of the late Edward HARPER, Sr., who was born in North Carolina in 1774, and was an only son of SAMUEL Harper. His parents died when he was a small boy and he was left with an uncle. He married, in about 1801, Elender SCALLORN, a native of Maryland, after which he moved to Alabama, where he engaged in farming, thence moving to Tennessee and in 1855 came to Arkansas, settling in Prairie County, where he died three years later. His wife died in 1862, leaving a family of eleven children: Overton W., Jefferson B., Edia, Andrew J., Durinda, Malinda, Pomelia, Edward (our subject), Joseph A., William A. and Sarah A. Edward, Jr., was born in Alabama, in 1821, and spent his early life in Western Tennessee, where he received a good common school education. He taught school in Tennessee for a number of years, and was married in 1851 to Mary KYLE, who was the daughter of Marvin and Sarah (DEMENT) KYLE, originally of Alabama and Virginia, respectively. To this marriage the following children were given: Martha S. (now Mrs. J. B. MATTHEWS), William K., Edward L., Julia T., James H., Ellen O. (deceased), Jefferson D., Sidney K., Marvin A., John F. and Adolphus. In 1856 Mr. HARPER came to White County, Ark., where he purchased 240 acres of land, and now has nearly 100 acres cleared and under cultivation. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. HARPER belongs to the Masonic order, affiliating with Mount Vernon Lodge No. 54, and has taken the degree of Royal Arch Mason. Mr. HARPER is a highly respected citizen, and has held the office of justice of the peace for twelve years.

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### **Stop the Villains**

*(NC Star, Raleigh, NC, Oct. 8, 1819)*

ESCAPED from the jail in Tarborough on the night of the 22nd inst. William B. CRAWFORD, a notorious counterfeiter, between sixty and seventy years of age, about six feet high, his head white: — Also John M. WINDHAM, about thirty years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, with an uncommon long face and chin, his fore teeth very long and prominent. This villian was imprisoned at the last spring term of the Superior Court of Edgecombe to eighteen months imprisonment, for stealing free negroes of colour. Those same culprits broke and made their escape from the jail on the night of the 7th of July last and was apprehended and committed to Newbern jail where I found them. I will give fifty dollars reward for their apprehension and delivery in this.

September 24, 1819

Benjamin HART, Jailer.

### **William SUTTON Missing**

*(Eastern Reflector, Tues., Sept. 25, 1900)*

My father, Moses SUTTON, colored, who is not of good mind, wandered away from my home at Ayden, where he stayed on Tuesday afternoon, September 18th, and I have been unable to learn his whereabouts. He is about 60 years old, has grey chin whiskers, dark complexion, and had on a Prince Albert coat when he left. I will appreciate anyone detaining him and sending me word, or giving me any information that will lead to finding him.

William DEW, Ayden, N. C.





# SECRETARY OF STATE CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters are found in the correspondence of the NC Secretary of State, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## Letter of Sary TAYLOR, 1783

Sect. of State Correspondence, SS 25, NC Archives.

Sir I have Sent Mr. Garrald to you with the money To beg you would not fail To Enter a Caveat against 1 William TAYLERS Senr. grant Comming out of your office for 200 acres of Land lying on the East Side of great Clay Root Swamp Joining James apollis AVERYS Line in pitt County for I am to have a Tryal in Court for the Land for my Little Son Emmanuel TAYLER whose father Was lost in the War in the Defence of his Country and it appeers that the Land is his Right and in So doing you Will oblige your very humble Servt  
Sary TAYLER Widow

July the 7th 1783

Pitt County



## Letter of John MOYE, 1792

Sect. of State Correspondence, SS 26, NC Archives.

[On cover] Colo. James GLASGOW handed pr. Z. COLLINGS Esqr.}

Greensville Decmr. 29th 1792

My Worthy frind

Indulge me through Mr. COLLINGS

With an attested Copy of a tract of land Pattend by John WILLIAMS which Includes this Place. I apprehend from one of the Courses you faveord. me with Sometime ago In the name of Edmund TISON dated 28th Feby 1739 Which Calls for John WILLIAMS Line that the one now alluded two ware Pattend. previous to above date as the two Tracts of Land Joine each other and TISONS Calls for Williams I Believe The Quantity of WILLIAMS pattent is about 200 or 300 acres on Tar River then Beaufort County. all Expences I will pay on Sight and by your most obdt. &c.

Jno. MOYE

Colo. J GLASGOW



## Letter of John LESLIE, 1795

Sect. of State Correspondence, SS 27, NC Archives.

Greenville Jany 21st. 1795

Dear Sir

The Note you gave me on Colo ELLIS he Could not pay me, Pork, Corn or money, which all but Eyins me as None of them Articles can be had without money. what to do I know not. an order on you I gave Doctor WILLIAMS Which if not paid him and Sent Down to my Assistance I shall absolutely Suffer and Family. which am possetive your humanity will not allow you, to do) I Expect to leave this place Soon for Raleigh and if you have any bussines for me ill gladly undertake. my best Wishes for your Election

I am Sir With heighest Esteem

Jno LESLIE please write me

Amount Ball Due me 13.13.

NB Fail not Sending it by my Son Wm.

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Joseph WYNN Killed  
(*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., July 31, 1889)

A mule ran away with a young man named Joseph WYNN of Martin county, last week and turned the cart over. The wheel struck WYNN on the head and killed him.



# TWO MISSING DEEDS

The following are two deeds from the missing Pitt County Deed Book FF, which disappeared from the Pitt County Register of Deeds Office sometime before 1960, when the deed books were first microfilmed.



## Deed from Stephen PUGH To William PUGH, 1831.

Found in the Loftin Papers, Carteret County Historical Society Museum and Library, Morehead City, NC. Contributed by Brenda Davis Stocks.

"This Indenture made this the third day of February in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty one Between Stephen PUGH of the one part and William PUGH of the Other part both of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina Witnesseth that the said Stephen PUGH for and in consideration of the sum of Sixtyeight dollars in hand paid the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold unto William PUGH Acertain track or parcel of Land Situated in Pitt County and on the North Side of Grate Contentnea Creek Beginning at a stake Centered by a Buce? bay in the Bear purcosin Pinkney HAZELTONs Corner and runs with his line No. 20 Est fifty eight poles to a fork in Water oake the said HAZELTONs Corner then with another of the said HAZELTONs lines No 45 Est fifty four poles to a large red Oake HAZELTONs Corner then with the WOMSLEY Patten Line No. 65 west one hundred poles to a white Oake in the Said WOMSLEYS line then South 25 wst one hundred and ten poles to William PUGHs Own line then with the said Pughs Own line to the Beginning Containing sixty eight Acres it being part of a large Patten granted to Edward WOMSLEY By patten bearing date march the 25th day 1743

to have & to hold the bargained premises to gether with all Profit thare unto belonging unto the said William PUGH his Heirs for ever and the said Stephen PUGH for him self his Heirs and assigns to for ever warrant and defend the said William PUGH his heirs and assigns in the peaceable possession of the bargained premises Against the lawfull Claims or Claims of any person or persons what ever In Witness where of I have hear unto set my hand and seal the day and date above written

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of

Stephen PUGH {Seal}

Pinckney HAZELTON

Benjamin F FAZELTON

February Sessions 1831

Then this deed from Stephen PUGH to William PUGH for Sixty eight acres of land was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on Oath by Pinckney HAZELTON a Subscribing Witness thereto ordered to be registered attest Archd. PARKER CLK"

"Enrolled in the registers Office of Pitt County Book FF Page 151 William CLARK Registr"



## Deed from James S. CLARK to Moses HERRINGTON, 1831.

The original deed was owned by Mrs. R. L. Lewis, of Wilmington, NC. in 1975. Transcribed and contributed by Leah McGlohon.

State of N. Carolina

Whereas there Tssued from the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Pitt (at November Term 1831. Returnable to February Term 1832.) a writ of Fieri facias commanding the sheriff of Pitt County that of the Lands and Tenaments of William ENGLISH & Eliza his wife, Isaac TURNER & Fanny his wife, Nancy McLARON, Luke McLARON, Thomas McLARON & other Heirs of George McLARON which disceded to them by the death of the said George McLARON Decd. you cause to be made the Sum of Three Hundred Twenty two Dollars 26/100 with Interest from 4th November 1831, which Moses HERRINGTON Adm. of George McLARON lately in our Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions





held for the county of Pitt at the Court House in Greenville recovered against them for Debt as also the sum of Seven Dollars 50/100 for cost and charges in Said Suit Expended, and I James S. CLARK Sheriff of the County aforesaid, by, virtue of my office & the aforesaid writ did Seize and take in his hands and custody a certain Piece or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the Said County of Pitt Bounded as follows. Beginning on the west side of Swift Creek near the edge at a Sweet Gum in Benja STOCKS line & Moses HERRINGTON corner. thence running East through the creek to a Red oak thence south with the Said Moses HERRINGTON line to a water oak in the Edge of the swamp the east to a pine in a Pond then with Thoma McLARON line & Moses HERRINGTONS to a stake in the field near the House then with Thomas McLARON line to a stake on Luke McLARON line then to the Cedar Swamp then with the run of the Swamp to the mouth to a maple Joseph RINNGOLD corner then with his line through the creek then down the creek to the Beginning containing Two Hundred & eighty acres more or less. and the said James S. CLARK Sheriff as aforesaid after due Advertisement according to Law did cause the said piece or parcel of Land to be put up at public Sale to the Highest bidder on the first Monday in February 1832 at which time and Place Moses HERRINGTON became the last & Highest bidder at the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars for the Said Land (with the exception of one third of the afesaid Land during during the life time of Mary McLARON widow of the said George McLARON decd. as her Dower) with the appertainances thereunto belonging. This Indenture witnesseth that the said James S. CLARK Sheriff as aforesaid for and in consideration of the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars to him in hand paid by the said Moses HERRINGTON his Heirs Executors Admr. or assigns for ever all the aforesaid Lands, tenements & appertainances as with all right, title claim or demand of or unto the aforesaid piece or parcel of Land to have and to hold to him the said Moses HERRINGTON his heirs & assigns for ever in as full and perfect a manner as I the said CLARK am authorised by my office as Sheriff—  
I witness where of I Jas. S. CLARK Sheriff as aforesaid have hereunto set my hand & seal this 8th day of February 1832.

Atestt

acd James S. CLARK Sheriff {seal}

M. ALBRITTON

John JOINER

“Recorded in the registry office of Pitt County Book FF Page 318 William CLARK Register”

**Mrs. V. H. WHICHARD Dead**  
(*Daily Reflector*, Sat., Sept. 16, 1911)

Mrs. Violeta H. WHICHARD died at 11: 15 o'clock this morning at her home on Third street. For nearly a year she has been in feeble health, and last Sunday suffered a stroke of apoplexy. From this she never revived, but continued gradually to grow weaker until the end came peacefully almost without a struggle. Truly a good woman has passed from earth to enjoy that reward inherited by the righteous in the world beyond. Mrs. WHICHARD was in her 77th year, being born February 20th, 1835. She was a daughter of A. G. and Mary JORDAN. She was highly educated, taking her collegiate course at Murfreesboro Female College. On her twentieth birthday she was married to Mr. D. F.

WHICHARD, who died in 1877. During the Civil war and for many years following she taught school in the old Masonic building, then on Second street. She was recognized as one of the best teachers in this section, and had a large school as long as she taught. Early in life she united with the Missionary Baptist church, and was ever true to her belief. Few women led a more active and industrious life than she, nothing giving her more pleasure in life than in doing something for others. She is survived by four children, Messers. J. R. WHICHARD, of Atlanta; D. J. and C. B. WHICHARD, of Greenville, and Mrs. A. F. KENNEDY, of Littleton. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.





# GREENE COUNTY, NC, MARRIAGES

Transcribed from Greene County Marriage Register, Book T , 1876-1905, (White), NC Archives. Many of the references were hard to understand due to the bad handwriting and some dates are obviously wrong. Transcribed and contributed by Brenda Stocks.



**Groom, Age**

**Bride, Age**

**Date of Issue. Actual Marriage date; by Performing Official at Place  
witnesses:**

ALLEN, M. B., of Pitt Co., 27                      Mary EASON, of Greene Co., 25  
June 5, 1901; md. June 5, 1901; by Fred McGlohon, MG at Stephen Eason's  
witnesses: T. A. Allen, Moses Allen, Oscar Manning

ALLEN, Claude, of Pitt Co., 21                      Sudie LITTLE, of Pitt Co., 18  
Dec. 7, 1900; md. Dec. 8, 1900; by J. W. S. Beamon, JP, at his residence  
witnesses: Frank X Hinson, Charlie Beaman, E. C. Beaman

ASKEW, John, of Pitt Co., 30                      Lillie DAIL, of Greene Co., 19  
Dec. 24, 1902; md. Dec. 24, 1902; by B. H. Edmundson, JP, at his store Lidell  
witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_ Harper, Bob Tugwell, W. T. Broodin

BARRETT, E. A., of Pitt Co., 25                      Elizabeth WOOTEN, of Greene Co., 21  
Nov. 27, 1882; md. Nov. 29, 1882; by Geo. Joyner, MG, at Jas. P. Speight's  
witnesses: L. E. Hancy, R. A. Bynum, C. L. Barrett

BEAMON, William, of Pitt Co., 28                      Margaret BUTTS, of Greene Co., 26  
May 21, 1886; md. May 23, 1886; by Jesse Shackelford, MG at Dolly Butt's  
witnesses: W. H. Speight, H. L. Butts, William Lyons

BYNUM, Peter, of Pitt Co., 26                      Florence E. SUGG, of Greene Co., 20  
Oct. 6, 1885; md. Oct. 14, 1885; by I. L. Chestnutt, MG, at Josiah Exum's  
witnesses: Sebert Horton, L. S. Barrett, P. S. B. Harper

BROWN, William, of Pitt Co., 24                      Nancy POTTER, of Greene Co., 20  
Nov. 14, 1892; md. Oct. 16, 1892; by Thomas J. Moore, MG, at G. A. Meek's  
witnesses: B. M. Lewis, C. D. Smith, Joe Tugwell

BROWN, J. W., of Pitt Co., 25                      Clyde MOSELY, of Greene Co., 25  
Jan. 16, 1896; md. Jan. 16, 1896; by N. H. D. Wilson, MG, at W. F. Edwards  
witnesses: J. A. Aldridge, W. O. Dixon, W. M. Edwards

BAKER, John T., of Pitt Co., 34                      Pearl HARDY, of Greene Co., 25  
Dec. 24, 1900; md. Dec. 26, 1900; by Rev. W. H. Frost, FWB, at M. T. Thomas'  
witnesses: M. D. Lassiter, B. F. Albritton, J. B. Britt

BELL, Ernest, of Pitt Co., 21                      Penelope PHILLIPS, of Pitt Co., 19  
Aug. 18, 1900; md. Jan. 24, 1898; by W. J. Johnson, JP, at his house  
witnesses: Walter Taylor, F. C. Burgus, N. J. Johnson

BRASWELL, Barney, of Pitt Co., 30                      Mata BROWN, of Pitt Co., 18  
Jan. 24, 1898; md. Jan. 24, 1898; by Jos. T. Sugg, JP, at Court House, Snow Hill, NC  
witnesses: B. M. Edwards, Geo. E. Dail, J. W. Blount



BUNDY, J. T., of Pitt Co., 30 Mary DILDY, of Greene Co., 19  
Nov. 19, 1903; md. Dec. 6, 1903; by Alonza Tyson, BM, at Joseph Dildy's'  
witnesses: L. D. Eason, J. T. Lewis, J. H. Nance

CRAWFORD, Marion, of Pitt Co., 24 Luna BOWENS, of Greene Co., 18  
Jan. 24, 1882; md. Jan. 26, 1882; by Jas. M. Barfield, MG, at Matthew Bowen's  
witnesses: W. W. Worthington, J. A. Aldridge, W. T. Ormand

CRAFT, Lawrence, of Lenoir Co., 21 Betsy Jane CANNON, of Pitt Co., 21  
Aug. 16, 1883; md. Aug. 19, 1883; by Sam'l W. Ormand, MG, at W. L. Churchill's  
witnesses: R. G. Sugg, W. L. Churchill, James Price

CHESNUTT, T. L., of Pitt Co., 33 Clara E. DIXON, of Greene Co., 20  
Dec. 17, 1885; md. Dec. 13, 1885; by W. D. Harper, MG, at Hookerton Church  
witnesses: G. C. Edwards, J. A. Taylor, E\_\_\_ Patrick

CANNON, W. T., of Pitt Co., 33 Lizzie JONES, of Greene Co., 20  
Jan. 20, 1896; md. Jan. 23, 1896; by C. L. Little, MG, at Rosa Jones'  
witnesses: H. Standley, L. H. Faulkner, Clarence Edwards

CHURCHILL, J. H., 26 Lucy JENKINS, of Pitt Co., 18  
July 6, 1901; md. July 7, 1901; by E. Pope, M. M. E. C., at J. R. Sugg's Residence  
witnesses: B. A. Albritton, Y. H. C. Taylor, M. W. Warren

CRAWFORD, G. H., of Pitt Co., 23 Cora ELKS, of Pitt Co., 18  
Aug. 13, 1904; md. Aug. 4, 1904; by F. L. Rouse, at F. L. Rouse's  
witnesses: B. A. Willoughby, H. Heath, C\_\_\_ Rouse

DAVIS, Cornelius, of Greene Co., 20 Fannie WINGATE, of Greene Co., 19  
Feb. 10, 1880; md. Feb. 10, 1880; by J. M. Barfield, MG, at J. A. Davis's  
witnesses: Jesse M. Hardy, J. H. Hardy, Jas. R. May

DAVIS, Cornelius, of Greene Co., 23 Lorena STOCKS, of Greene Co., 18  
Sept. 11, 1883; md. Sept. 12, 1883; by A. C. Hart, MG, at Charles Stock's  
witnesses: Jas. A. Davis, J. L. Umbles, Levy Faulkner

DAVIS, Cornelius, of Greene Co., 32 Martha JONES, of Greene Co., 21  
Nov. 2, 1892; md. Nov. 3, 1892; by J. M. Barfield, MG, at Mrs. E. J. Jones'  
witnesses: W. E. Moye, C. M. Holton, W. A. Darden

DAVIS, Chas., of Pitt Co., 21 Willie T. FORREST, of Greene Co., 23  
Jan. 22, 1878; md. Jan. 23, 1878; by S. W. Ormand, MG, at Josiah Aldrige's  
witnesses: W. P. Ormand, J. W. Price, Jno. R. Beamon

DAIL, T. F., of Pitt Co., 52 Ida DAIL, of Greene Co., 37  
May 5, 1892; md. May 5, 1892; by R. F. Taylor, MG, at Ida Dail's  
witnesses: Jas. T. Sugg, B. F. Albritton, G. W. Britt

DIXON, Joseph, of Pitt Co., 29 Gabrell COWARD, of Greene Co., 22  
Dec. 24, 1894; md. Dec. 27, 1894; by J. R. Tingle, M of G, at Wm. Coward's  
witnesses: H. T. Coward, R. N. Smith, W. T. Worthington

DAIL, W. H., of Pitt Co., 21 Lillie POTTER, of Greene Co., 18  
Dec. 14, 1895; md. Dec. 18, 1895; by J. T. Phillips, MG, at Geo. Potter's  
witnesses: V. S. Skinner, G. C. Skinner, G. E. Jones



DUPREE, F. M., of Pitt Co., 44 Addie G. VISCONTE, of Pitt Co., 37  
Aug. 27, 1901; md. Aug. 27, 1901, by Jas. T. Sugg, JP, at Register of Deeds  
witnesses: B. W. Edwards, F. A. Massey, Ichabod Herring

ELKS, J. S., of Pitt Co., 24  
Feb. 15, 1904; md. Feb. 21, 1904; by R. O. Corbett, FWBM, at Ormondsville  
witnesses: Ed L. Denton, W. W. Forrest, J. K. Hardy

FLANAGAN, James, of Pitt Co., 23                      Apsely MOORE, of Greene Co., 18  
Feb. 14, 1891; md. Feb. 18, 1891; by J. T. Phillips, MG, at W. H. Moor's  
witnesses: M. L. Moye, A. M. Joyner, J. H. Flanagan

FAULKNER, Levi, of Greene Co., 23                      Gatsby STOCKS, of Greene Co., 18  
Dec. 8, 1885; md. Dec. 9, 1885; by J. M. Barfield, MG, at Charles Stocks  
witnesses: Zeno Lyons, Geo. B. Move, R. S. Forrest

FUSSELL, Charlie, of Pitt Co., 22 Ella BAILEY, of Greene Co., 21  
Oct. 24, 1901; md. Oct. 27, 1901; by H. R. Jones, JP, at Dave Bailey's  
witnesses: J. A. Barnhill, S. H. Craft, W. P. Bailey

HADDOCK, F. A., of Pitt Co., 28 Hattie MOORE, of Greene Co., 19  
Nov. 19, 1895; md. Nov. 20, 1895 ; by J. W. Speight, JP, at Absaly Moore's  
witnesses: J. F. Braxton, J. W. Taylor, J. F. Baggett

HILL, Almarine, of Pitt Co., 57 Ellen WARREN, of Greene Co., 27  
Nov. 14, 1894; md. Nov. 14, 1894; by D. I. Earnhart, MG, at Elany Woods'  
witnesses: J. W. Taylor, G. E. Hadley, Alfred Warren

HINSON, Joe, of Pitt Co., 22                      Ada WAINWRIGHT, of Greene Co., 18  
May 14, 1901; md. May 15, 1901 ; by John F. Young, JP, at John F. Young's  
witnesses: R. R. Carr, S. A. Justice, Junr. Wainright

JOYNER, R. D., of Pitt Co., 24                      Birtha BARROW, of Greene Co., 20  
Jan. 26, 1882; md. Jan. 31, 1882; by Jno. N. Andrews, MG, at Taylor Barrow's  
witnesses: P. L. Carr, Windell D. Sugg, M. D. Lassiter

KING, Thomas B., of Pitt Co., 27 Mary A. BYNUM, of Greene Co., 22  
Sept. 30, 1902; md. Oct. 1, 1902; by D. W. Arnold, MC of C, at Harriet Bynum's  
witnesses: J. T. Dixon, John L. Barrett, P. J. Bynum

LITTLE, William, of Pitt Co., 19                      Absaley HINSON, of Greene Co., 17  
June 21, 1884; md. June 22, 1884; by Jno. D. Grimsley, JP, at Martha A. Henson's  
witnesses: M. R. Turnage, E. S. Dail, E. D. Little

LAUGHINGHOUSE, Chas. O. H. of Pitt Co., 25      Carrie V. DAIL, of Greene Co., 25  
June 9, 1896; md. Jan. 10, 1896; by D. L. Earnheart, MG, at the Methodist Church  
witnesses: Swift Galoway, B. W. Edwards, Jos. McGown

MOYE, J. H., of Greene Co., 21 Mary E. MEEKS, of Greene Co., 17  
 Aug. 4, 1877; md. Aug. 5, 1877; by J. M. Barfield, MG, at J. M. Barfield's  
 witnesses: Jas. H. Hardy, J. S. Speight, Cullen Phillips

MOORE, W. T., of Greene Co., 24 Louisa STOCKS, of Greene Co., 34  
Mar. 11, 1878; md. Mar. 13, 1878; by J. M. Barfield, MG, at Wiley Stocks'  
witnesses: W. O. Dail, A. H. Stocks, J. E. James





MOYE, Benj., of Greene Co., 23 Florence A. ROUSE, of Greene Co., 17  
Mar. 18, 1884; md. Mar. 19, 1884; by J. M. Barfield, MG, at Lemuel Rouse's  
witnesses: S. R. Taylor, C. C. Case, Jas. Johnson

MAY, John B., of Pitt Co., 24 Polly Louvenia BAKER, of Greene Co., 21  
June 4, 1884; md. June 5, 1884; by M. E. Dail, JP, at Syllivant's School House  
witnesses: R. P. Sugg, Robert Sugg, J. B. Stocks

MORRELL, William F., of Pitt Co., 28 Mary M. HARGROVE, of Greene Co., 26  
Dec. 8, 1890; md. Dec. 10, 1890; by Isreal Harding, at the Episcopal Church  
witnesses: M. Sugg, Hugh Edwards, T. B. J. Moore

MAYO, L. A., of Pitt Co., 27 Lula S. WHITLEY, of Greene Co., 24  
Dec. 20, 1886; md. Dec. 22, 1886; by Josephus Latham, MG, at Sallie Dixon's  
witnesses: E. C. Edwards, H. H. Grainger, H. J. Raspberry

MAY, Benj., of Pitt Co., 30 Fannie LANG, of Pitt Co., 18  
Jan. 1, 1890; md. Jan. 1, 1890; by Jessie Shackelford, MG, at Jessie Shackelford's  
witnesses: Benj. and Gin Shackelford, Martha Spikes

McLAWHORN, W. E., of Pitt Co., 21 Henry Etta TURNAGE, of Greene Co., 16  
Apr. 28, 1891; md. April 29, 1891; by J. T. Worthington, JP, at Mrs. May's  
witnesses: W. S. McLawhorn, W. C. Edwards, W. E. Moyer

MOORE, J. H., of Pitt Co., 31 Mary HAMILTON, of Pitt Co., 19  
May 6, 1891; md. May 6, 1891; by J. T. Abernathy, MG, at Register's Office  
witnesses: J. W. Blount, John Sugg, C. A. Las\_\_\_\_

MOORE, J. T. S., of Pitt Co., 21 Sally CRAFT, of Greene Co., 20  
Jan. 6, 1891; md. Jan. 8, 1891; by Jessie Shackelford, MG, at John Craft's  
witnesses: J. E. Craft, W. J. James, C. P. Bowden

MOYE, M. L., of Greene Co., 25 Estell HARDY, of Greene Co., 24  
April 23, 1892; md. April 27, 1892; by M. T. Moyer, MG, at Louisa Hardy's  
witnesses: A. J. Moyer, J. L. Flanagan, J. H. Hardy

MOYE, James, of Greene Co., 30 Marilla FAULKNER, of Greene Co., 21  
May 31, 1893; md. May 31, 1893; by J. R. Taylor, MG, at James Moyer's  
witnesses: Zeno Lyons, H. C. Edwards

MOFIELD, Henry, of Pitt Co., 24 Lena BAKER, of Greene Co., 20  
Nov. 21, 1896; md. Nov. 22, 1896; by B. F. Moore, MG  
witnesses: Nerve Baker, Jesse Thorn, J. E. Kisor

MOORE, Daniel, of Pitt Co., 24 Lizzie DAIL, of Greene Co., 24  
Nov. 26, 1901; md. Nov. 27, 1901; by J. M. Barfield, FWB, at G. W. Dail's  
witnesses: W. A. Newell, Joe Phillip, J. T. Bidis

MOORE, J. H. M., of Greene Co., 23 Mattie BRAXTON, of Pitt Co., 18  
Jan. 11, 1902; md. Jan. 11, 1902; by F. L. Rouse, JP, at R. R. Carr's  
witnesses: P. L. Carr, James Seamster, J. E. Martin

MOY, Wm. J., of Greene Co., 18 Elizabeth WOOTEN, of Greene Co., 18  
Dec. 17, 1901; md. Dec. 18, 1901; by J. M. Barfield, MFWB, at Starby Wooten's  
witnesses: E. L. Dutin, H. H. Murphey, Elias Skinner



MOYE, James, of Greene Co., 42 Rachel TYCE, of Greene Co., 22  
Sept. 6, 1904; md. Sept. 7, 1904; by W. C. Edwards, JP, at Joe Tyce's  
witnesses: J. A. Aldredge, Sr., C. Beddard, Andrew Moore

MOYE, A. F., of Greene Co., 23 Annie E. TAYLOR, of Greene Co., 23  
Mar. 13, 1904; md. Mar. 13, 1904; by F. L. Rouse, JP, at Mr. Herman's  
witnesses: C. E. Spivey, P. R. Thomas, Louis Rouse

MOYE, W. L., of Greene Co., 20 Lossie CARRAWAY, of Greene Co., 17  
Jan. 17, 1905; md. Jan. 18, 1905; by R. C. Rouse, JP, at B. A. Carraway's  
witnesses: H. Moore, J. W. Watters, Willie Beamon

NOBLES, Osborn C., of Pitt Co., 32 A. L. EDWARDS, of Greene Co., 26  
Dec. 18, 1884; md. Dec. 18, 1884; by J. W. Jenkins, MG, at W. F. Edwards'  
witnesses: C. P. Edwards, J. J. Edwards, I. E. Edwards

NORVELL, Thomas, of Pitt Co., 35 Viola SMITH, of Greene Co., 20  
Dec. 6, 1902; md. Dec. 10, 1902; by A. M. Crisp, Minister, at D. A. Mewborn's  
witnesses: D. A. Mewborn, J. R. Owen, G. L. Mewborn

PHILLIPS, Sam'l, of Pitt Co., 26 Elizabeth EASON, of Greene Co., 21  
Dec. 16, 1878; md. Dec. 18, 1878; by Jesse T. Davis, MG, at Abner Eason's  
witnesses: Moses Spivey, Wm. Phillips, B. W. Edwards

PIPPEN, Jas. R., of Pitt Co., 26 Mary D. MOORE, of Greene Co., 20  
Oct. 8, 1883; md. Oct. 10, 1883; by I. L. Chestnut, MG, at J. F. Moore's  
witnesses: C. F. Moore, M. C. Moore, J. F. Moore

POLLARD, W. B., of Pitt Co., 23 Minnie M. HARDEE, of Greene Co., 19  
Nov. 10, 1891; md. Nov. 11, 1891; by J. A. Edwards, at A. M. Hardee's  
witnesses: Ada Hardee, Alice Hardee, W. E. Patrick

PROCTOR, J. O., of Pitt Co., 42 Betty S. JOHNSON, of Greene Co., 33  
May 21, 1895; md. May 30, 1895; by D. W. Davis, M of G, at Whitmell Hardy's  
witnesses: H. H. Proctor, D. S. Smith, F. V. Johnston

POLLARD, P. Frank, of Pitt Co., 2\_ Fannie ELMORE, of Greene Co., 24  
April 9, 1902; md. April 9, 1902; by J. B. Whitten, JP, at Stephen Kearny's  
witnesses: Jas. T. Smith, G. B. Strickland, G. M. Baker

PHILLIPS, J. T., of Pitt Co., 39 Letie HARPER, of Greene Co., 29  
July 30, 1902; md. July 31, 1902; by E. Pope, MMECS, at Baney Harper's  
witnesses: Jane Johnson, S. A. Johnson, Lizzie Johnson

PURYEAR, J. D., of Pitt Co., 33 Martha A. DAVIS, of Greene Co., 30  
Dec. 18, 1902; md. Dec. 24, 1902; by J. M. Barfield, FWBM, at Jesse Davis'  
witnesses: G. W. Prescott, A. E. Denton, W. M. Forrest

PARKER, J. W., of Pitt Co., 39 Alice HARPER, of Greene Co., 20  
April 28, 1903; md. April 28, 1903; by E. Poope, MMECA, at Jesse Harper's  
witnesses: J. A. Albritton, Jas. J. Stroud, Josiah Eu\_\_\_\_\_

PATRICK, Leon, of Pitt Co., 27 Adele BRIGHT, of Greene Co., 25  
Nov. 10, 1897; md. Nov. 11, 1897; by C. W. Howard, M of G, at residence of D. B. Taylor  
witnesses: L. J. Chapman, R. F. Bright, D. B. Taylor



PIPPENS, E. P., of Pitt Co., 28 Daisy WILLIAMS, of Greene Co., 14  
 May 28, 1904; md. May 29, 1904; by F. L. Rouse, JP, at Bride's home  
 witnesses: J. E. Cash, J. C\_\_\_\_\_, J. Hinson

RIGUS, C. H., of Pitt Co., 30 Ella MURPHEY, of Greene Co., 24  
 Dec. 25, 1901; md. Jan. 1, 1902; by Willis Dixon, JP, at W. C. Edward's  
 witnesses: J. R. Spier, W. C. Edwards, J. B. Moore

SMITH, Jas. G. A., of Pitt Co., 25 Ella PEACOCK, of Greene Co., 20  
 Apr. 21, 1876; md. April 26, 1876; by Joshua S. Burns, M of G, at A. D. Swinson's  
 witnesses: B. R. King, A. D. Swinson, G. M. Smith

SUMMERELL, R. B., of Pitt Co., 24 Josephine JONES, of Greene Co., 19  
 Nov. 27, 1876; md. Nov. 30, 1876; by Thos. Moore, M of G, at Asa Jones'  
 witnesses: Craven Summerell, L. T. Dail, Alex. Dail

SIMMONS, Marcellus, of Pitt Co., 23 Priscilla GRIZZARD, of Greene Co., 21  
 Mar. 9, 1880; md. Mar. 11, 1880; by Geo. Joyner, at Mrs. P. A. Dixon's  
 witnesses: Jno. R. Dixon, Ashley Bynum, Thomas Wasford

STOKES, W. A., of Pitt Co., 24 Lena JONES, of Greene Co., 21  
 Nov. 11, 1886; md. Jan. 23, 1887; by F. T. Carr, JP, at W. H. Moore's  
 witnesses: Isaac Worthington, W. H. Forrest, John Hemby [the last five names were crossed through]

SKINNER, W. H., of Pitt Co., 24 Laura MOORE, of Greene Co., 19  
 Jan. 21, 1887; md. Jan. 23, 1887; by F. T. Carr, at witnesses: W. H. Moore's  
 witnesses: Isaac Worthington, W. H. Forrest, John Hemby

SMITH, S. M., of Pitt Co., 26 Lillie TAYLOR, of Greene Co., 19  
 Feb. 28, 1887; md. Mar. 2, 1887; by Jesse T. Davis, MG, at J. W. Taylor's  
 witnesses: J. B. Smith, Marcellus Smith, Taylor Bass

SMITH, Robt. L., of Pitt Co., 20 Nita TURNAGE, of Greene Co., 17  
 Feb. 20, 1886; md. Feb. 25, 1886; by Jesse Shackelford, MG, at Jerry Field's  
 witnesses: W. R. Dixon, M. J. Fields, A. W. Fields

SMITH, Joyner, of Pitt Co., 35 Viola McLAWHORN, of Greene Co., 21  
 Nov. 11, 1901; md. Nov. 13, 1901; by George C. Vause, MFWB, at Bride's Father  
 witnesses: Joe Tripp, Jas. H. Smith, J. L. S\_\_\_\_\_

TUGWELL, J. K., of Pitt Co., 25 M. G. MOORE, of Greene Co., 19  
 Apr. 28, 1888; md. May 2, 1888; by Jessie Shackelford, MG, at B. Fields  
 witnesses: Will Turnage, A. West, J. J. Taylor

TYSON, G. L., of Pitt Co., 34 C. L. FRIZZELL, of Greene Co., 20  
 Oct. 22, 1888; md. Oct. 23, 1888; by P. L. Herman, MG, at O. W. Frizell  
 witnesses: R. L. Davis, W. W. Ormand, W. S. Hardy

TRIPP, W. H., of Pitt Co., 21 Sarah J. BOWEN, of Greene Co., 19  
 Oct. 8, 1891; md. Oct. 15, 1891; by J. T. Davis, MG, at J. T. Davis  
 witnesses: J. T. Dail, C. Davis, M. A. Jones

TURNAGE, Moses, of Pitt Co., 31 Emma P. BYNUM, of Greene Co., 20  
 Mar. 20, 1895; md. Mar. 20, 1895; by G. L. Chestnut, MG, at Emma P. Bynum's  
 witnesses: G. C. Moor, J. T. Dixon, J. T. Lewis





TYSON, Willie, of Greene Co., 21                      Pattie WORTHINGTON, of Pitt Co., 18  
Apr. 18, 1900; md. April 18, 1900; by Alonzo Tyson, MG, at C. E. Tugwell  
witnesses: J. H. Barfield, Charlie Tugwell, Bob Tugwell

TAYLOR, B. S., of Greene Co., 22 Lucy HYMAN, of Pitt Co., \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan. 8, 1902; md. Jan. 9, 1902; by J. T. Barrett, JP, at my residence  
witnesses: Mrs. Estell K. Barrett, Nita M. Hardy, Liddie Taylor

TAYLOR, Luby, of Pitt Co., 22 Minnie HINSON, of Greene Co., 21  
Nov. 28, 1900; md. Dec. 2, 1900; by J. W. Speight, JP, at Patsy Hinson's  
witnesses: A. C. Dail, N. G. Faulkner, T. M. Dail

TUGWELL, John, of Pitt Co., 24 Nancy CARAWAY, of Pitt Co., 24  
Oct. 20, 1900; md. Oct. 20, 1900; by Alonzo tyson, MFWB, at C. E. Tugwell  
witnesses: Ivy Tyson, Dan Tyson, W. R. Bra\_\_\_\_, Jr.

TAYLOR, B. T., of Pitt Co., 40 Caroline TAYLOR, of Pitt Co., 35  
Sept. 6, 1902; md. Sept. 8, 1902; by W. H. Wells, JP, at my house  
witnesses: Sam'l Carps, Lura Lynch, Linius Wells

TYNDALL, William, of Pitt Co., 18 Julia BRAXTON, of Pitt Co., 20  
Oct. 8, 1902; md. Oct. 9, 1902; by T. M. Dail, JP, at Dail & Barns Store  
witnesses: R. D. Britt, J. T. Harrell, J. H. Beamon

WHITE, John, of Pitt Co., 36 Patsy POTTER, of Greene Co., 36  
Oct. 21, 1884; md. Oct. 23, 1884; by T. N. Manning, MG, at Dempsy Potter's  
witnesses: J. A. Potter, C. C. Bedard, Dempsy Potter

WHITE, W. H., of Pitt Co., 23                                      Hattie A. SYLIVANT, of Greene Co., 20  
Feb. 23, 1892; md. Feb. 24, 1892; by R. B. Brown, MG, at John Sylivant's  
witnesses: Ida Edwards, Pearl Hornaday

WOOTEN, John L., of Pitt Co., 26 Lillie HOOKER, of Greene Co., 24  
June 25, 1894; md. June 27, 1894; by H. D. Harper, MG, at Lillie Hooker's  
witnesses: J. Q. Jackson, J. W. Dixon

WHITLEY, James E., of Pitt Co., 26 Mary Elizabeth HAMILTON, of Greene Co., 19  
Feb. 5, 1897; md. Feb. 10, 1897; by B. F. Moore, JP, at \_\_\_\_\_  
witnesses: John Dilda, Elisha Dilda, Willie Beamon

YOUNG, John F., of Greene Co., 23 Lucy TURNER, of Pitt Co., 18  
Jan. 3, 1887; md. Jan. 5, 1887; by R. D. S. Dixon, JP, at J. P. Hagons  
witnesses: A. B. Hinson, John D. Young, J. B. Hagans

## Buried Alive

(*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Dec. 8, 1886)

The Northern part of our county was the scene of a distressing accident on last Friday. Mr. I. N. KEEL, a good citizen of Carolina township, was getting marl from a pit on his plantation. While at work with two colored men in the marl hole, the side caved in upon them, completely burying Mr. KEEL. Both negroes were badly hurt, being caught so they could not extricate themselves. Mr. KEEL suffocated before he could be rescued. His death was sad.



# AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN CHURCH RECORDS

The following African-Americans items were gleaned by William B. Kittrell from various abstracted church records of the late J. L. Jackson, former Pitt County historian. These do not represent a complete listing of all African-Americans in these records. (All in Pitt County, NC)



## Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church

This church was formed Nov. 30, 1758 by Elders Thomas POPE, Joseph WILLIS and Elder Jeremy RHAMES as first pastor. The church is believed to have first been at or near Speir's Landing on the Tar River.

- September 8, 1797 ..... Marica and Luke restored.  
December 9, 1797 ..... Bro. Gabe continued under dealing.  
August 18, 1798 ..... Agreed Bro. Gabe is excluded for the sin of lying.  
December 7, 1799 ..... Accusation against Merica postponed.  
April 12, 1800 ..... An accusation continued against Merica.  
June 7, 1800 ..... The accusation against Merica postponed.  
September 12, 1800 ..... The accusation against Merica postponed till tomorrow.  
September 13, 1800 ..... Phillice received for baptism Baptized Sunday. Cite Merica to Conference at the New Meeting House.  
Nov. 15, 1800 ..... Sister Merica set aside for further consideration and Brother David likewise set aside.  
Dec. 13, 1800 ..... Sister Merica not present and her husband dispute postponed.  
March 7, 1801 ..... Brother David and Sister Merica excommunicated for disorderly behavior to each other and not adhering to the church.  
May 15, 1802 ..... Ned, a black man received by experience.  
August 7, 1802 ..... Gabe restored.  
August 13, 1803 ..... Jim, a black man excommunicated for the accusation of disobeying his master and other crimes.  
August 10, 1811 ..... received information that Jim and Airey a Black Brother and Sister were dead.  
February 28, 1833 ..... Tiller, one of the Black Sisters departed this life.  
July 21, 1844 ..... David that belonged to Mr. Luke ALBRITTON departed this life.  
September 13, 1847 ..... Rose died (probably the colored woman Rose who was baptized in April 1843).  
February 14, 1849 ..... Belle, colored died.  
February 14, 1850 ..... Mingo KNOX a colored man died.  
March 1877 ..... Lucy TAFT, col. sister died.  
June 16, 1888 ..... Colored sister Lucy ELKS died June 16, 1888.



## Hancock Primitive Baptist Church

This church was founded on July 23, 1808, by dismissed members from Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church. The dismissed members were Jonathan FELLOWS, James RINGGOLD, Charles HADDOCK, Keziah MILLS, Pegge STOCKS, Sarah HELLEN, Elizabeth FELLOWS and Sarah TUCKER.

- July 23, 1808 ..... Received, Grace, a black woman.  
December 15, 1810 ..... Received, Bet, a black woman.  
March 16, 1811 ..... Grace and Bet, black women have a dispute. Jack, a black man is a witness. The women are excommunicated at next meeting.  
September 14, 1811 ..... Nancy GINN, a black woman dismissed by letter.  
May 12, 1812 ..... Jack and Phyllis, blacks, were received by letter.  
August 1826 ..... Mingo, a black man, property of Henry CANNON and Eliza, a black woman, property of William WILSON were received.



October 1826 ..... Abram, a black man, was received.  
 November 1826 ..... Elizabeth, property of Latham PUGH, asked admission but request was delayed.  
 April 28, 1827 ..... Celia, a black woman, property of John COX, received.  
 October 6, 1827 ..... Moses, property of Henry SMITH, received.  
 October 13, 1827 ..... Celia, property of Stephen PUGH, was received and baptized. She had previously been excommunicated.  
 February 1828 ..... Whitmell, property of the heirs of William S. MURPHY.  
 May 1828 ..... Judy, property of Frederick HADDOCK, received.  
 August 1828 ..... Grace, property of Abraham STOCKS, was restored after two excommunications.  
 December 1828 ..... Jack, property of Guilford Murphy, received.  
 May 1829 ..... Lucy, a black woman, received at FELLOWS.  
 August 1829 ..... Celia, property of John CANNON, received.

#### Black Members April 30, 1852

Ben COX, Miles CANNON, Daniel COX, Tony WILSON, Richard WILSON, Jo. WORTHINGTON, Henry COX, Lucy WORTHINGTON, Maria CANNON, Violet HANRAHAN, Minerva SMITH, Lydia COX, Winnie HANRAHAN, Maria HANRAHAN, Rachel SMITH, Harriet COX, Cealey COX, Mary ELLIS, Martha CANNON, Mary COX, Ann SMITH, Elsy COX, Harriet WILSON, Zilphia BROOKS, Letis SMITH, Mary SMITH, Flora ELLIS, Fillis POWELL, Peggy COX.

#### Black members August 1867

Ben COX, Robert CANNON, Tony WILSON, Richard WILSON, Henry COX, Maria CANNON, Minerva SMITH, Argent COX, Mary ELLIS, Martha CANNON, Mary COX, Elsy COX, Harriet WILSON, Peggy COX, Zilphia BROOKS, Lettis SMITH, Mary SMITH, Flora ELLIS, Lydia COX, Eliza CANNON.



#### Galloway Primitive Baptist Church

This church was organized on October 15, 1838. The charter members, most of whom were released from Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church, were as follows: Caleb SMITH, Lanier GRIFFIN, Noah BUCK, William GALLOWAY, John HADDOCK, Henry SMITH, Jr., Elijah HARRISON, Martin NELSON, Sarah MILLS, Elizabeth MILLS, Nancy BROOKS, Elizabeth HADDOCK, Mary GLADSON, Nancy BOYD, Laney SMITH, Mima HADDOCK, Rachel NELSON, Celah HARRISON, Nancy BUCK, Margaret POWELL and Martha GALLOWAY.

August 1854 ..... Winnie, property of Bryan GRIMES, received.  
 September 1854 ..... Seley, property of GRIMES, received.  
 August 1856 ..... Seley, a colored woman died

#### Violent Attack (Eastern Reflector, Wed. Nov. 9, 1892)

The other night there was a very ugly affair out in Beaver Dam township. It seems that previously there had been some hot words between Dr. PITT and Mr. Nelson NICHOLS. About midnight Saturday night some parties went to the house in which PITT lived to make an assault on him. They called to him and when he refused to open the door they broke in. Several shots were fired. PITT emptied a pistol and snapped a gun at the intruders, and this failing to stop them he began using an axe. He struck one man on the head and another on the arm. The man struck on the head is a son of NICHOLS and the blow crushed his skull. On Monday morning warrants were sworn out against NICHOLS and his son and some other parties and in the afternoon a preliminary hearing began before Esquire B. S. SHEPPARD.





# WHITEHURST SUPREME COURT CASE

The following is taken from a NC Supreme Court case. The original records have disappeared and the following is from a microfilmed copy found in the *Records of the States of the United States (N.C. F.1, reel 11)*. Contributed by Roger Kammerer. Transcribed and summarized by Elizabeth Ross.



July Term 1810

State of North Carolina  
Halifax District

October Term 1806

Henry HUNTER

vs.

In Equity

Simon WHITHURST & others

To the Honorable the Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Equity for the District aforesaid  
Humbly complaining shewith unto your Honor Your Orator Henry HUNTER of the County of Edgecomb and District aforesaid in the year of our Lord 1794 purchased a tract of Land in fee simple of a certain Auterson KELLY and Nancy his wife situate lying and being in the County of Martin District aforesaid to whom and for which he paid a valuable and bonafide consideration and in consequence of which the said Auterson and Wife Nancy by Deed bearing date in the year aforesaid duly conveyed the aforesaid tract of Land in fee simple to your Orator, which said Deed was signed Sealed & declared by the said Auterson & Nancy as their Act & Deed and was duly witnessed by a certain William P. HAUGHTON & Matthew BRANTLEY and the said William P. HAUGHTON as your Orator understands & believes is since dead or removed to distant parts or foreign places and the said Matthew BRANTLY is now as your Orator believes residing in the State of Georgia, your Orator futher sheweth unto your Honor that Nancy Kelly at the time aof said conveyance being a *feme covert* came into the Court of the County were the said lyeth and at the instance of Orator the Court Ordered that the feme covert be duly examined separte and aprt from her said husband touching her consent and willingness in regard to the said conveyance of the said Land to your Orator for the consideration in the said Deed expressed and accordingly the Court appointed of their body Samuel WILLIAMS & John TAYLOR Esquires Justices of the peace to examine the said *feme covert* who in pursuance thereof and by the directions of the said Court did proceed to examine the said *feme* separte and apart from her said husband touching her willingness to convey the said Land &c and who reported their proceedings to the Court that they had examined the said feme covert separte and apart from her husband touching hir willingness and freedom to convey the said Land to your Orator and who said she did convey the same for the purposes in the said Deed mentioned and that such conveyance was made by her freely & willingly without fear or coercion of her husband whereupon by order of the said Court the said examination of the said feme was by the Clerk of the Court endorsed of said Deed in manner and from following "Martin County Nancy KELLY acknowledged the within Deed before the Court was privately examined and said it was done by her own free Will and consent without any compulsion which said examination remains on the back of said Deed and the following acknowledgement of Auterson KELLY and said wife was entered on the minute Docket by the Clerk of the Court in the words following. A Deed from Auterson KELLY & Nancy KELLY to Henry HUNTER was acknowledged and your Orator States was recorded and to which to greater certainty as to the exact words Date and contents of said Deed and proof your Orator begs leave to refer himself as relation being thereto had may more fully appear and which he prays may be taken & received as part of this his Bill of Complaint—Your Orator further begs leave to state to your Honor that to his positive knowledge the said Auterson KELLY did acknowledge in Open Court the execution of the said Deed to your Orator and that the said Nancy his wife was privately examined by the aforesaid Justices separte and apart from her husband and your Orator Henry HUNTER further sheweth that he had a conversation with the said Samuel WILLIAMS the Justice before whom the said Nancy was examined of and concerning his recollection about the said examination and he very well recollected it and informed your Orator that the examination of the said feme was separte and apart from her husband and that she expressed her willingness to convey and without fear or threats from her husband and that the other



Justice John TAYLOR recollects nearly the same your Orator further States to manifest the fairness [?] of the transaction that in treating with the said Auterson & wife for the purchase of said Land it was agreed for the benefit of the said Nancy that as the Land came by her she should receive from your Orator for her exclusive use two hundred dollars a great part of the purchase money for the purpose of buying her a negro to which your Orator complied and paid to her the said Sum and the balance of the purchase money to the said KELLY who ratified to payment to his wife. And you Orator further sheweth that by virtue of the said Deed of conveyance be entered into and took possession of the said Land quietly seized and possessed thereof during the lives of the said Auterson & wife without lit [?] or molestation of them or either of them or any claiming title under them and cultivated & greatly improved the same (and at this time has a crop growing on part of it) until about the year \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ time a certain Simon WHITEHURST, Batson WHITAKER and John WHITEHURST by their agent Frederick BRYANT sued out a Writ of Ejectment against your Orator and to which your Orator entered into the common rule and pleaded no Guilty and at April Term 1806 as your Orator begs leave to state to your Honor the cause came on to be tried when it appeared to the Court by the Plaintiffs own shewing that they were the Uncles on the paternal side of the aforesaid Nancy KELLY which your Orator admits and rested their case and title and hope of recovery on the imperfections in the proof of the said Deed and the defective manner as they alledged in which the *feme* was examined by the said Court not having the least shadow of right or colour of title to the Lands in question nor the least Equitable claim or lawful right only so far as they could unrighteously and wrongfully impeach & destroy your Orators title which your Orator begs leave to represent that if his title is in any way defective through the ignorance of the Justices as to the proper mode and manner by law directed in the examination of covert or on account of the ignorance or misperson [?] of the Clerk of the Court who received the proof of said Deed and reduced to writing the said examination of said Nancy KELLY that it should not operate to his loss or injury or impeach or destroy your Orators title for which your Orator paid a full and fair consideration to the said Auterson & Nancy KELLY his wife and that your Orator was no way privy to the proof and examination of the said *feme* overt and if there is any defect in want of form or substance it was not owing to your Orators agency connivance or default, but leaving the mode and manner of proof entirely to the Court, and that Equity ought and should quit [?] and protect your Orator in the peaceful and quiet possession of said Land your Orator further sheweth unto your Honor that after the lessor of the Plaintiff had made out their case on the trial of said suit your Orator offered in evidence of his title the aforesaid Deed which was objected to on the part of the Plaintiffs on account of its defects and imperfections heretofore set forth by your Orator which after argument on both sides by council for and against receiving the Deed in evidence it was decided by the Court that as the evidence of the said *feme covert* as set out by endorsement on said Deed it was full and sufficient to answer every purpose under the Act of Assembly made and provided for the examination of *feme coverts*—but as the manner in which the Deed purported to be proved the Honorable Judge who presided on the trial thought the words “A Deed from” Auterson KELLY & Nancy to Henry HUNTER was acknowledged was inexplicable as they did not sufficiently disclose who or by whom the Deed was acknowledged which to your Orators submission appeared rather a strained construction and a ticklish administration of Justice as by law & common intendment the Court will presume everything in favour of right and presume that which should be done as already done.

And your Orator further begs leave to shew unto your Honor that on the trial of said cause to shew what was the mode and manner that Deeds were proved time immemorial in the said County Court be produced the Books & records of the said Court wherein there appeared several Deeds executed from husband & wives in exact the same way as the Deed from the said Auterson KELLY & wife to your Orator from which your Orator has no doubt but what that has been done the usage and custom of said Court in committing the record and proof of such Deeds ever since the establishment of the said County Court of Martin your Orator futher takes the liberty to shew to your Honor that although the only Deed of conveyance was rejected as aforesaid he put his case to the Jury on the naked possession alone who having heard the particular hardship of your Orators case refused after they had returned from the Bar to give a Verdict for the Plaintiffs but returned much divided in Opinion and craved the advice of the Court whether if they decided against your Orator he would thereby finally and ultimately loose his land plainly intimating to the Court that if your Orator had no way left open to him to prove his Deed & substantiate his title that they would not give a verdict against your Orator. To which his Honor replied that your Orator could hereafter get his Deed proved which would then make his title good and unexceptionable in





law upon the Jury then being somewhat better satisfied committed tho reluctantly to give a Verdict against your Orator.—And your Orator further sheweth that regarding the advice of the Court in regard to having his Deed further proved, you Orator without loss of time at the next County Court after the trial of said Cause he had the said Deed proved a second time by the best possible evidence the nature of the case would admit of and which is as follows and which appears of record in the said County Court of Martin

—State of North Carolina Martin County June Term 1806 a Deed from Auterson KELLY & Nancy KELLY to Henry HUNTER in open Court by James VIRGIN who made oath that he was acquainted with the mark to the foregoing Deed was his mark. he also proved the handwriting of Nancy Kelly he further swore to the handwriting of William P. HAUGHTON one of the subscribing witnesses and also to the mark of Matthew BRINKLEY he further declared on Oath that from the best information he could obtain that William P. HAUGHTON was dead he having left the State some years past and that Matthew BRINKLEY is now a resident of the State of Georgia. John B. HUNTER also swore to the handwriting of William P. Haughton one of the subscribing witnesses to the before named Deed and your Orator further sheweth that after the trial of said writ he was informed that the lessor of the Plaintiffs were not the next of kin or the true heirs of Nancy KELLY for that she had then and has now a maternal Sister of the half blood—being in the County of Martin who admitting the supposition that your Orators title is defective and bad. Yet the lessors of the Plaintiffs cannot have the least title in Law or Equity to the premises as long as the said Sister or her heirs are living and your Orator made that matter appear to his Honor who then presided on the trial on affidavit as a Cause for a new trial which afficavit stated that your Orator had no knowledge of that fact until after the trial but to your Orators great Surprise a new trial was refused him as your Orator had thought it a position conceded on all hands and a principle well established in Ejectment that the lessor of the Plaintiff must recover by the strength of his own title and not by any weakness or defect in tha of the Defendant for whom possession was sufficient which your Orator sheweth he has long been in the quiet and uninterrupted possission of the said Land and has much improved and cultivated it. Your Orator further begs leave to show to your Honor that the said Frederick BRYANT who has acknowledged himself the agent in transacting & conducting the said Suit for the lessors of the Plaintiff, and who as your Orator is informed and verily beleives is to have part of the said Land if he succeeds for them, as he the said Frederick has confessed to a person whom your Orator can name is necessary and required, that he was to have half of the Land and provided he did not recover that the Plaintiffs was to pay no costs. Your Orator therefore prays your Honor that the said Frederick may be served with a copy of this Bill and that he may be made a party hereto and as the particular evidence of the Plaintiffs is unknown to your Orator as he believes they reside out of the District he prays that the said Frederick may be served with Copies of this Bill for them. But now so it is may it please your Honor that the said Simon WHITEHURST Batson WHITEHURST & John WHITEHURST and the said Frederick their agent combining and confederating themselves with devers persons as yet unknown to your Orator whose names when discovered your Orator pays my be inserted with apt words to charge them ans parties contriving wrongfully to injure and oppress your Orator in the premises threaten you Orator to take out a Writ of Possession and to dispossess your Orator of the Land which he has fairly and honestly required by purchase from the said Auterson KELLY and wife and who as your Orator can truly State died insolvent, so as your Orator can expect no redress in case he is defeated in his present claim. All which actings & doings pretences & designs of the said confederates are contrary to right to Equity & good conscience and tend to your Orator's great wrong and injury to the end therefore and in order thereto that the said Confederates may upon these several Corporal true perfect and direct answer make to all and singular the premises aforesaid as fully and particularly as if the same were herein again repeated and they interrogated thereto and more especially whether your Orator has not been in the Quit possession of the said Land heretofore mentioned ever since the purchase thereof from the said Auterson and Nancy his wife and whether he did not remain in the quiet possession thereof during the lives of the said Auterson KELLY and Nancy his wife without the let or molestations of them or either of them or any claiming under them and whether they have not understood or believe that your Orator paid a full and valuable consideration to the said Auterson & wife for the same. and whether the same Simon WHITEHURST Batson WHITEHURST & John WHITEHURST are not Uncles to the said Nancy Kelly and whether or not they know of the said Nancy KELLY having in the County of Martin or else where a Sister of half blood no living. And that the Plaintiffs may set forth and answer whether or not





the said Frederick BRYANT acts as their agent in conducting the said Suit. And that the said Simon, Batson, & John WHITEHURST and Frederick BRYANT their agent may be restrained from carrying into execution the Writ of Possession and that your Orator may be quieted in the possession of the said Land until a full hearing of the several matters and things contained in this your Orators Bills of Complaint before your Honor and that the Costs of the said Suit of Ejectment may be enjoined &c And that your Orator may receive such other and further relief in the premises as the particular nature of his requires and as shall be agreeable to Equity and good conscience. May it therefore please your Honor to grant to your Orator a Writ or Writs of Injunction to be directed to the said Simon, Batson, & John WHITEHURST and Frederick BRYANT commanding them &c &c. also a Writ or Writs of Subpoena to be directed as aforesaid commanding them &c

Wm. DREW, Solicitor

Henry HUNTER maketh Oath that the several matters & things set forth in the foregoing Bill of Injunction so far as they relate to his own knowledge are true and the rest he believes to be true.

H. HUNTER

Sworn to before me this 30th July 1806

Jno. HALL J.S.C.L.E.

The Clerk & Master of the Court of Equity for Halifax District will let an Injunction & Subpoena issue agreeable to the prayer of this Bill on taking Security for costs and abiding whatever Order or Decree the Court shall hereafter make in the premises.

Jn. HALL J.S.C.L.E.

I Certify the within is a true copy from the Original Bill

Robt. FENNER, C.M.E.

Henry HUNTER

vs.

Simon WHITHURST & others

State of North Carolina

Halifax County

In Equity April Term 1807

The answer of Frederick BRYANT one of the Defendants to the Bill of Henry HUNTER Complainant.

This Defendant saving and reserving to himself all manner of benefit of exception to the Complainants Bill for answer to as much thereof as he is advised that it is material for him to make answer unto saith that it may be true that the Complainant purchased of Auterson KELLY & Nancy his wife the tract of Land in the Bill mentioned, but whether he gave them a valuable and bonafide consideration therefore this Defendant has no personal knowledge he has understood and believes that the said consideration consisted in a great Degree in a tipling account [amount?] of the said Auterson KELLY with the Complainant which was far from affording to his wife any peculiar relief and this defendant does not know of his own knowledge that she ever received from the Complainant anything to her own use on Account of the Land. He has been informed and verily believes that she was induced to execute the Deed for the Land to the Complainant by the persuasions & threats of her husband and that she never would (as this defendant also believes) acknowledge the free execution thereof before any discreet person who would give her a fair opportunity of manifesting her dissatisfaction.

This defendant knows nothing of any private examination of the said Nancy KELLY by Order of Court, and cannot believe that it ever fairly took place or the Complainant would have taken care to prove it by the magistrates to took it such who alone could sufficiently do it, but this has never been done to the knowledge of this defendant although the complainant was long ago informed of the necessity of such proof. Samuel WILLIAMS esquire one of the Magistrates who it is pretended took the said examination is now dead, and John TAYLOR the other has declared to this defendant that he do not particularly remember it, so that if so examination was ever had which this Defendant does not admit, he cannot suppose that it can be properly proved at this time, which is no fault of this Defendant—As to the Certificate which is endorsed on said Deed tending to prove the said examination this Defendant contends that it is quite insufficient for that purpose for the following reasons among others—It is not to be found upon record although the records of Martin County Court have been fully searched for that purpose—It does not appear at what term of said Court the said examination was taken: And this Defendant has strong



reasons to believe that the said Certificate was not put upon the said Deed for many years after the same had been registered in virtue of the acknowledgement thereof mentioned in the Bill and can prove that it was not offered to be registered until after the death of the said Nancy KELLY and after the other Defendants had claimed the Land of the defendants Complainant besides all this it appears that the name of the said Samuel WILLIAMS was inserted in the said Certificate as the person before whom the said examination was taken and then stricken out upon a conviction as this defendant supposes that it would be more difficult to detect the felony of the said Certificate by writing the name of the said Samuel WILLIAMS therein. From all these circumstances this Defendant has no doubt but that the said Certificate was made merely to suit the Complainants purpose of Bolstering up his title to the said Land after the death of the said Nancy KELLY—As to the witnesses to said Deed he does not know of his own knowledge what has become of them, one of them Matthew Brantly it is well known was Just such a man as would be a fit instrument to be employed by the Complainant in such a transaction as this Defendant has represented the one in question to be. The date probate of the said Deed in the manner set forth in the Bill may be true. But the Defendant is advised that the same cannot in the least better the Complainants case, even if it had been made before the trial at Law and given in evidence thereon, for this Defendant, denies that the Opinion of the Judge who resided at the suit trial turned entirely on the informality or irregularity of the probate of the said Deed in regard to tis admission as testimony, and if it had, and if also the said probate had been ever so regular, this Defendant cannot beleive that the said Deed ought to be received in evidence either in Law or Equity for want of legal and proper proof of the private examination of the feme.

This Defendant further saith that it is true that the suit at Law was brought by him as agent for Simon, John, or Batson WHITEHURST the Uncles and heirs at Law as was then supposed of the said Nancy KELLY and a recovery was had on their names it not appearing at this time but that they were the heirs, but this Defendant has since understood that the said Nancy KELLY left a Sister of the half blood on the mothers side, but this Defendant is entirely ignorant whether she is now alive or not.

This Defendant was engaged to act as agent for the lessors of the Plaintiff at Law by his neighbour Charles WHITEHURST son of the said Batson WHITEHURST who this Defendant understands was to have paid the Costs had the Judgment at Law been against the Plaintiffs although this was not their original agreement and who is to satisfy this Defendant for his trouble and expence in attending to the business, the said Simon WHITEHURST is since dead and the said John WHITEHURST has moved to the State of Georgia. and this Defendant having as agent aforesaid had the entire managment of the Suit is well satisfied that neither of the surviving lessors of the Plaintiff had any particular knowledge of the case and could not throw any new light upon it by their answers—This Defendant admits that the Complainant has been in possession of the Land in question ever since he obtained the Deed aforesaid but does not know or beleive that he any way improved it on the contrary from what he has heard & believes has much injured it.

Frederick BRYAN maketh Oath that the several matters of facts stated to be such as of his own knowledge in the within answer are ture and the rest he beleves to be true.

Sworn to before me this 24 April 1807

Fred BRYAN

R. F. C. M. E.

July Term 1810

State of North Carolina Halifax County October Term 1807

The answer of Batson WHITEHURST one of the Defendants to the Bill of Complaint of Henry HUNTER Complainant

Henry HUNTER

vs.

Simon WHITEHURST & others

This Defendant saving and reserving to himself all manner of benefit of everything to the said Bill for answer to so much thereof as he is advised that is is material for him to answer saith that he knows nothing of the Complainants purchasing the Land in question of Auterson KELLY & wife or of their acknowledgement of a Deed to him for it and of her private examination further then he has heard from





persons not interested, and from that he verily beleives that the wife of said KELLY was never privately examined in the manner set forth in the Bill.

This Defendant has understood that the said Nancy KELLY left a Sister of the half blood on the mothers side. But this Defendant contends that as the said Land descended to the said Nancy from her father, the said half Sister cannot inherit to the exclusion of her Uncles of the whole blood.—This Defendant further says that upon the death of the said Nancy KELLY he with the other Defendants his brothers John & Simon gave up the right for the said Land to their Defendants Son Charles WHITEHURST of the County of Pitt who as this Defendant is informed and beleives employed the other Defendant Frederick BRYAN to commence and prosecute a suit against the Complainant for the said Land for which he is to be paid by the said Charles who is also to pay all the Costs should the said suit eventually fail and the said BRYAN is not to have any part of the said Land should it be recovered by any agreement of this Defendant, or of the other Defendants or the said Charles WHITEHURST as far as this Defendant has understood or beleives— As to any other charge contained in the said Bill this Defendant has no personal knowledge and therefore cannot admit them and denies all fraud combination &c Batson WHITEHURST Edgecomb County—Batson WHITEHURST maketh Oath that the several facts stated in this his answer as facts within his own knowledge are true and the rest he beleives to be true.

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Batson X WHITEHURST  
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Jn. HALL J. S. C. L. E.

[Following this, the case was sent to the Supreme Court whose judge ordered that the Injunction be dissolved and not brough to jury, thereby ruling in favor of the WHITEHURSTS as legal heirs who had not benefitted in any way from the questionable sale. The judge also stated that the deed should have been allowed as evidence, as the Martin County Clerk of Court had written that it had been acknowledged in court, and the clerk's word should not be questioned.]

#### Summary:

In 1794 Henry HUNTER bought some land in Mart. Co., NC, from Auterson KELLY and his wife Nancy Kelly.

Nancy was examined separately to insure her willingness to sell her land by justices of the peace. Her endorsement was written on the deed itself.

Her uncles Simon WHITEHURST, Batson WHITEHURST, and John WHITEHURST, by their agent Frederick BRYANT, sued to eject Henry HUNTER from the land, claiming that Nancy was not properly examined. The judge questioned other wording in the deed.

HUNTER pled precedent for the manner of proving such transactions involving wives, and left it in the hands of the jury. The jury was undecided, but the judge said HUNTER could still get the deed proved, so the jury reluctantly ruled against Hunter.

HUNTER proceeded, at the very next court, to prove the deed a second time. He had learned, in the meantime, that Nancy's uncles were not the next of kin because Nancy had a half-sister (her mother's child) who lived in Martin County. HUNTER asked for a new trial based on this new evidence, but was refused.

The WHITEHURSTS/agent acted to eject, and HUNTER hired a lawyer, William DREW, who testifies that possession alone should legalize HUNTER's claim, and that the plaintiffs must show a title of their own. HUNTER has also learned that Frederick BRYANT, agent for the WHITEHURSTS, was in cahoots with them. HUNTER shouted conspiracy, and filed countersuit in the form of this Bill of Complaint, and was granted a Writ of Injunction and Subpoena against the conspirators.

In 1807, defendants to the Complaint make their statements:

Frederick BRYANT denied conspiracy, reversing the charge, and accused all persons involved in the deed and examination of Nancy to be suspect of character (including the first judge), rigging the deed after Nancy's death.

Simon is dead.

John has moved to Georgia.

Batson's son Charles was the one who hired BRYAN to be agent for the uncles.





Batson WHITEHURST denied knowing anything about anything, saying he and his brothers, Simon and John, had relinquished their claims to Charles before any of this began. He also said the land came to Nancy from her father who was no kin to any half-sister on the mother's side, and therefore, the uncles were the next of kin.

Description of the land and its boundaries was copied into the record, showing that Simon WHITEHURST, Senr, dec'd., had conveyed the land to his son Daniel WHITEHURST on Nov. 4, 1774. The land adj. the William Davis plantation, formerly the John WHITEHURST plantation.

[Transcriber's note: The obvious conclusion is that Nancy WHITEHURST KELLY was the daughter of Daniel WHITEHURST, son of Simon WHITEHURST, Sr., and that Daniel WHITEHURST left Nancy as his heir. Nancy's half-sister was the dau. of her mother by a previous or subsequent marriage. Nancy apparently had no children, as her uncles were her heirs as next-of-kin.—er]

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# PITT COUNTY LETTERS



Letter from Archibald FORBES to his wife Louisa (CLARK) FORBES in 1837. Transcribed from a photocopy of the original letter owned and contributed by Jean D. Caldwell, of Washington, NC.

[On cover] [postmark] Greenville NC Sep 9 [postage] 25 cents  
Louisa A. E. FORBES Meridian Springs Hds C Mississippi

"Pleasant Plains Sept. 7th 1837

My dear and devoted companion,

When I reflect upon the vast and astonishing distance which divides us, and to think that I have to communicate my thoughts by letter It appears to me a task beyond the power of words or language to explain, dear angel, to think of the rapidity with which time to possess and also of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of (Death) and to know that I'm unprepared to die. I shudder and am at times almost ready to say as one of old would to, God, I had not been born , but for fear such an strain may be a pleasant. I desist, and hope that my last days may be my best &c. Robert is with me to day at Mothers, will start to school on monday next, tell your, Pa, that for the want of money Mr EBORN & myself have concluded not to send R. to Hillsboro but to Greenville to {MR. LOVEJOY} a man who stands prominently high, he has prepared Joseph NORCOTT and Entered college with all ease, he says Jermain BERNARD will enter next June, if so Robert will enter with ease because he is farther advanced and beside a smarter youth, and with all the expense is not one half, and there would be a loss of three months that he would have to pay for, taking all into consideration I fancy I have done the best, for without money we can't do much. I have not collected the first cent, & the , Lord, knows when I shall, there is no money in the country, if I do not collect in a few days I shall bring suit and start , for it is perfectly useless to be fed by false promises, the men have acted ridiculous, mean, &c here I will acknowledge the receipt of yours which gave pleasure & Satisfaction etc & yours & Genl letters My dear my anxiety is so great to see you all that I hardly know what to write, but that you can imagine better than I can express. Louisa TYSON is now hard down at work making my clothes to start. I shall endeavour to look the best I can in my fine clothes and I want you to keep yourself primmed that you may look as well as myself, for I have fattened up so and look so pretty I tell you I'm hard to beat on Sandy roads, but suffice with foolishness, as regards Elizabeth she has no claim upon me she had the advantage or her husband of the new countries and if he will not support his wife & children they cannot expect any aid from me. I have lost enough myself for the Last two years and if I can support you & educate our children I cannot do much more unless times alter from what they are at present. I will tell you what James told me that when Warren KENNEDY went to, Mobile, he could not get such money as he wanted Elizabeth went to her bureau drawer thinking she was unnoticed and got a roll of money as large as his arm and took a fifty dollar bill and handed it to Warren, he says she did hand him money, if we believe this Robert left her with money sufficient to support upon. She has since I've come in wrote to James CLARK & W. K. to save her house & lot and carriage & horses {piano forte} &c. why does she request such extravagance unless she had a means of support, Besides It appears strange to me from beginning to end. I can tell you Louisa there is in my opinion enough deciet & hypocrisy in this world to raise the suspicions of any person. I myself have almost come to the conclusion to Question any persons candor, except ..... I will also leave this unpleasant subject} My poor old mother has lost the use of her left arm and I cannot prevail upon her to undergo a course of {Tomsoni} I have relieved several since I've returned. Mr HOYT gets as much practice as he can attend to, the practice is thought highly of by all who have tried it and thats no few. mamma requests that I should remember a great deal of love to you & all the children & the Genl. Family, Arthur says you are very forgetful of your promises, dear do not promise unless you...perform. Lucy requests to be remembered to you also [unreadable word] family & Puss. Arthur Says that {Mary Jane} is the best child in the world, are all in perfect health at present. Louisa I fancy my last letter has caused some hard thoughts I was sorry after I wrote it that I placed such a construction \_\_\_\_\_ [unreadable word] a part of it as i did , but Lou will you not forgive. I fancy you will and i hope you did not let any person see it for it was my request, if so I beg pardon and say nothing about it to me,





give my love to all the family & to Ormond Hums [Harris?] tell Jane and Polly I am sorry to disappoint them, but cannot help it. Louisa I sha[ ] possible bring you & children all I think will please you if I get Money. Martha & Harriet will both tumble soon, and your Pa had the imprudence to write Mr E that he and your, Ma, had raised wind again. I do not know when Ive felt so bad people as old as they are booby for shame the thought has broke me up

adieu my dear wife & 2 childs till see you

If you let any person see this I wont write any more

Archd FORBES

NB

I do not think its worth while to write me for I sha be loose A FORBES

NB

I wish you would have old Lusy rubbed up against I get home for I want to kill some old turkeys this fall  
Good Bye Hunney Coomube & Sugar Umoolaasses and all the good seatning child, to

Archd FORBES"



Letter from Sherrod TYSON to his daughter, Margaret Ann TYSON, transcribed from a photocopy found in the Tabitha DeVisconti Collection, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

[Letter addressed "Mar 6, to Margeret Ann TISON, care of Mr. CLARK, Tarborough Edgecomb County"]  
"Tisons Store 14th. February 1835

Dear Child,

your letter of the 6th Instant was last night Receved the Extreme Cold weather has prevented me from Sending my wagon to Greenville for ten Days past. the Ice has ben so much in the way that Very little Communication in any way has taken place from my house to Greenville. is the Reason that I did not get your letter Sooner I was much pleased to her wore well & to here that you ware well pleased at Going to School. the Branches you are Studying are such as will improve your if you employ the improvement Right. my wish is that you may employ your time in your Studys. and that as you advance in Knowledge & age that you may advance in Good Name. the well Solomon Says agood name is preferable to Riches. Riches makes to themselves wings & flys away but agood name will live after you and I am Dead it is my wish that my Children may So conduct them Selves that they may Be Beloved by all that no them be Sure that your Conduct may be Such with your Ant Clara and with all that are acquainted with you may Say that they are Sorry to part with your mass of your good morels which will be much more Gratification to me than any one thing it Some times puff up Some young Girls with pride to Send them to School and give them alittle Better Edecaton then the Comonalty of the people and causes them to think that they are Better then they are Because they have been Taught things that others have not. I Should be Sorry to think so of you your Hapiness in this world and that which is to comes is in the Hand of God who has promised to Bless those that do good & punish those that do evil. I therefore Request you allways to have before your Eys that you are Bornd to die. Honour your Father & mother that your days may be long Speake mildely to Every Body it is much More Noble to forgive an injury than to Resent it. your Mother was glad to here from you & your Brother & Sisters. you must Except their Best love for you The Health of my Family is as it was when you went away I wish you to write at Least Once a fortnight I expect to come up to Tarborough or Send in the Course of Next week. Tell Alley & Susan that there is nothing a miss at ther Father as I have herd Alley SAUNDERS Sister CARR has a Son & I have understood its name is Absolum. I have hired an other Clerk to attend to my Store

your Father & friend Sherrod TISON

Ps. when you write always write how your Cousen Adline MAY Allie & Susan are & the family you Board at S. T.

I have not looked over my letter to See if any mistake or omission is made if any charge it carlessness or for the want of time as I have much writing to do & other Business prevents me from taking much pains though as you have not your mind crowded with I wish you to take pains in writing & Speaking always think before you Speak beware not to Speak two often."





Letter from Franklin and Lydia MOYE and Gideon MOYE of Oakdale, Arkansas to Francis BROOKS of Greenville, NC, dated Nov. 11, 1848. Transcribed from a photocopy of the original letter in the Francis Brooks Papers, ECU Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

[On cover] [postmark] "Oakdale Ark Novr 29 } 10  
Mr Francis BROOKS Greenville Post office Northcarolina Pitt Co."

"Oakdale Post

State of Arkan, Philips Co. November the 11 1848

Mr. Francis BROOKS

Dear Sis this leaves Us all Well as Common and doing as well as could be expected hoping this may find you all the Same this will inform you that your Letter dated october the 30th Came to hand last Mail and was happyly Recieved it aforded us Mutch pleasure an consolation We were hapy to hear you was all doing So well but Sorey to hear of the Deaths but we all have to Submit to the Lords will. I wil inform you that I Recieved the half, of two Tenn Dollar Bills an one foure Dollar Bill you have conferd a lasting favour on us in So doing So I hope you will Send the balance or the other half as Soon as Posible for it will help Me very Mutch in our Present Condision as i am a little behind and My Children are all leaving Me and I am getting in My dotege and have Settled in the woods in the Western Wilds of Arkansas. Southey BROOKS also recieved his letter an I Supose Will Write you Soon the ol man is not well he has a trimbling in his hands ot the Polsy an has to Work very hard in his ol age Wilk was livein in Lousiana Seling goods one of Jos young Sons Belvedear is liveing near Me an Practising Medison Joseph SHOUT has bin over here an likes our country very well our Crops are not very good We onley Make 6 or 7 barels of Coarn to the acre an from 1000 to 1200 Cotton to acre Cotton is So low we are Making nothing Cotton is onley 4 1/2 to 5 cents Emigresion is incresing very fast an land rising We have a good Country I recieved a letter from my Sister Crisey it grieved Me Very Mutch to hear of her condision I want you to write to what has becom of Sistr Pegy LASLEY and her Children My friends an relations has all fagotten Me or forsaken Me as I never hear from them onley by you So I hope you will continue to write to Me Lydia wants to be Rememberd by all her sistrs and all Serviven friends Sins I lost My fingr I canot write I Soon Close My lettr but if we never Meet again on Earth let us try to Meet byond this veil of tears where Parting will be no more So nothen More at Presant but remain your affectionate Friend untel Death  
So fair Well

Franklin MOYE and Lydia MOYE

Mr Francis aftr your Best respetes I am well and Doing Well onley I belong to that unfortunate crue it appears to Grovel out My days an ol Batchellor you written they was Pretty Girls there if was able an could Spair the time I would com to that old country and try My luck Jesse is liveing here and Maried & has 7 Children Sistr Elizabeth that Maried AVERY is liveing in Tennessee Heaywood County and is Doing very well they have 8 Eight Children Seven Daughtrs an one Son Sistr Nancy Maried last August an is doing well BRother William franklin an Sistr Lydia is Single yet, Brother Wiett is the youngest liveing he is in his Sixteenth year tell all the young Men that wants to get Ritch to com out here but to get them a wife before they Start had I Maried at 21 I would have bin wel of but My Personal Expences is 125 to 150 Dollars a year besides Misfortunes write Me soon tell all My unkles an aunts an cousins that I know they think them Selves above Me or they would write to Me tell them, i am as independant a Man as ever Walked on the Green Earth as My Candle is gon out I can Say nomore Far well Gideon MOYE"



Letter containing legal briefs from James R. HOYLE, postmaster of Greenville, NC to John Herritage BRYAN, lawyer, Feb. 22, 1838. Transcribed from a photocopy of the original found in the John Herritage Bryan Collection, #147, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

[On cover] Jas R HOYLE PM Greenville NC FREE  
[postmark] Greenville N. C. Feb 23 Hon John H BRYAN Raleigh N. C.





"Greenville N. C Feby 22nd 1838

Sir. Having completed taking the testimony of all the witnesses that would appear, I concluded to send you a copy of a brief taken while the Comr were taking the depo, which tho imperfect contains the most material part of the proof made. Enclosed I return your memo please write me after perusing the brief whether it is necessary to obtain more evidence.

Yours Respt Jas R HOYLE

**Margaret BOND:** Is the daughter of Jas BROOKS acquainted with W WILSON he married her sister Polly— first of her recollection news came to her father that WILSON was about to sell Peg, her father sd. WILSON knew better— that Peg belonged to him— her father & WILSON had several quarrels because he would not pass title for Peg.— BROOKS always refused said he would give them to his grand daughters heard WILSON say he would not raise negroes for BROOKS— Brooks replied. send the negroes home. I can raise the negroes for my granddaughters— the last quarrel, she heard a quarrell at the gate discovered it was J BROOKS W WILSON and some of the neighbours BROOKS came to the house his wife spoke to him about quarreling, he replied WILSON wanted to whip him because he would not make title. Jas BROOKS was in the habit when one of his daughters was married of sending negroes home with them, his words were " You go home with——until I call for you, negroes were sent to John ADAMS who married one, and taken back. Sally TUCKER a daughter applied for a title daid her husband was dissatisfied: BROOKS said why can't you take my word as the rest have done after awhile said Joshua TUCKER being a careful and sober man, he would give him a title, the reason why negro Peg was called "Wilsons Peg was that she herself was called Peggy, and it was for distinguishing negro Sal was called TUCKERS Sal before any title was passed.— Cross questiond. by deft. J. BROOKS was not childless in his latter days—

**Francis BROOKS,** is grandson of J BROOKS heard a quarrel between J BROOKS and WILSON because BROOKS would not give title WILSON said he be d——d if he would be raising negroes for him, BROOKS said by blood — WILSON I will not give you a title, I will give my grand children a title Cross question by deft.— both were intoxicated at the time, but knew what they were talking about

Test for discrediting WILSONS witnesses

**F HADDOCK,**— Harman HANCOCK general character for veracity bad, would not believe him on his oath.—found two barrels stolen turpt in his yard, he professes to be a fortune teller & conjurer— have heard Benj SUTTON say "that he heard WILSON say to BROOKS— you must whip your Peg, she has stold Willis WILSONS money &c.

**Francis BROOKS=** would believe Harman HANCOCK tho has not been intimately acquainted with him for 20 years— Heard Ephriam BROOKS say that he saw James BROOKS make a hand delivery of Winney to Elizabeth WILSON, now Elizabeth MILLS.—

**Jo. COX.** Would believe Harman HANCOCK in his oath, heard of Turpt being found in his yard—He is a fortune teller & conjurer

**Wm CLARK,** was one of the comrs that took WILSON depositions 28 May 1836, James WILSON refused to answer the question propounded by plaintiff if he was interested

**John HARDEE..** heard Ephriam BROOKS swear on a trial in Court that he saw James BROOKS make a hand delivery of Winney to Elizth WILSON now Elizth MILLS,—

**Alfred FORBES—** H HANCOCKS character bad Has no confidence in him, his general character very Bad."



A genealogical letter dated Aug. 9, 1938 from (Mrs. W. A.) Nannie Francisco Porter, of Richmond, Va. to William H. Bason, genealogist. Transcribed from a photocopy of the original found in the William H. Bason Collection, #528, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.





"Dear Mr. Bason,

I want somehelp on the line of the JAMES family of N. C. Dr. James G James married in Pitts Co. 1-2-1855 Mary R. LANGLEY. He was the son of Wm. JAMES and wife Elizabeth PATRICK. Dr. JAMES lived in Gatesville N. C. His father was supposed to be from the Eastern shore of Va.

Mary LANGLEY'S father was Godfrey and his wife was Margaret LATHAM.

Dr. James was born 8-13-1823 and his wife Mary LANGLEY was born 2-11-1834 and died in Pitts Co. 2-6-1860 Her father died in that same county 60 years of age and Margaret his wife died there 9-18-1865.

This is all the family know of themselves. But what I want to ascertain is something of this change from Va. to NC. where they first landed in N C and when for we have to go further back than that. I find a number of the JAMES family in Accomac (and that is the Eastern Shore all right) but these all seem to stay and die in Va. They don't know athing about this Wm. JAMES who married Elizabeth PATRICK and I have'nt found him in these E Shore counties. Can you help this out at all? Could spend a day on it- or possibly two if needed and charge to my account until I get my check for this work. But please sir don't charge me \$10 per day. I wrote a customer in Ga to send you some work- and he writes back you charge him \$10 retainers fee and \$10 per day—but I know—he got that wrong so I wrote him you would put the retainers fee to his credit as it was just a matter of good faith. I believe I am right about this.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible please sir.

Hope you are feeling well but this hot weather makes it hard to work,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs W A) Nannie Francisco PORTER

2209-A Park Ave

Richmond, Va.

8-9-1938"

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### **B. R. GAY, Prominent Greene County Farmer Passes**

*(Farmville Enterprise, Fri., Oct. 31, 1930)*

Funeral services for Mr. B. R. GAY, a prominent Greene County planter, was held last Saturday, conducted by Rev. M. A. WOODARD, assisted by J. C. MOYE, and interment took place in the family burying ground on his farm. Being a Mason in good standing he was laid to rest with Masonic honors by his brothers. Mr. GAY had lived to the ripe old age of 72 and was one of Greene county's most beloved and successful citizens. He was married young to Miss Betty WALSTON who preceded him to the grave by about 21 years; however, during their companionship, sixteen children were born to them, all of whom now living; they are: W. L. GAY, Mrs. A. J. MCKEEL, Miss Stella GAY, Mrs. W. M. HARDISON. W. B. GAY, J. R. GAY, Miss Susie GAY, Mrs. Jarvis HOLLOMAN, Albert GAY, Earl GAY, Richard C. GAY and Mrs. Virginia GAY, of Walstonburg; John F. GAY, of Moultrie, Ga., Mrs. Wyatt PARKER, Mrs. Richard PIPPEN, Mrs. Rupard PIPPEN, of Farmville. All of whom survive him. Mr. GAY was a life long member of the Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist church, and was ever interested and active for the cause of Christ. In his death his community and the county has lost one of its most valuable and beloved citizens.

### **Mr. M. M. PAGE Dead**

*(Farmville Enterprise, Fri., April, 12, 1935)*

The knowledge of the death of Mr. M. M. PAGE was very sad news to the people living in and around this community. He has been doing a business of general merchandise about three miles from here on No. 42 highway for several years and was a prominent citizen in his neighborhood. An attack of influenza seized him few days back but in a few days, thinking he was able to do so, he left his bed, only to take a relapse and go into pneumonia which took him away shortly. Mr. PAGE was around 70 years of age. He is survived by his widow and two children, Mrs. Reddin CORBETT and Mr. Buck PAGE. Interment was made in the Otters Creek Church cemetery.



# PITT COUNTY AND RELATED WILLS



## WILL OF BENJAMIN MAY, 1805

Pitt County Wills, CR 079. 801. 11, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

State of North Carolina

Pitt County)

In the name of god Amen, I Benjamin MAY of the State & County aforesaid being in reasonable Health at this time & of sound mind & memory but knowing the uncertainty of Life do make this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following Viz—

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Anna MAY four Negroes Viz. Phillis, Willis, Syntha & Chocolate and one Rideing chair & Harness, one Horse called flamer, & all other Articles of Household & Kitchen furniture of every description that she brought with her here or that came into my possession of by my Marriage with her, and also one hundred Dollars to her & her Heirs & assigns forever—

Item I Lend to my said Wife two negroes Purity & Cezar During her Natural Life or so long as She remains my Widow—

Item I give & bequeath to my Son Benjamin MAY besides what I have already Possessed him with two Negroes Viz. Badger & Eady, to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Son William MAY all the lands I have already Possessed him with by Deed or otherwise & all Negroes & every other kind of property I have possessed him with to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my son James MAY the Plantation & Land whereon I now live with the land known by the name of the POOLE Land. the Land I had of William FATHREE. the Land I bought of Joseph SULLIVANT containing two hundred & ninety acres Joining my home plantation Also all the Lands that I have taken up between the Land that I have given to my Daughter Cleary JOYNER, and also three hundred acres of Land that I bought of Lewis SMITH, also the Land I bought of Nathaniel MOORE known by the name of the quarter, also the Land that I bought of Frederick BECKTON, & Marina LOCKHART, & all the Lands that I am possessed with adjoining it also Negroes, Viz Dorcas, Phillip Ben (Cooper) Sam. Also Hannah, & Cezar, one Desk two large looking glasses, one table, half a Dozen Windsor Chairs one Sorrel Mare & five Cows & Calves one yoke of Oxen, (part of them called his Cattle) one frying Pan & Skillet one hand Mill, one Brandy Still also two Feather beds & Furniture, & in case I Should Die before he Leaves me, one years provision for him & his family, to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Patsey STRATOR two negroes Viz Lydia & Lewis, and all other property except Land (I have Possessed her with) & the following negroes Excepted Viz Arnold, Selah & Howel, to her & her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I also Lend to my Daughter the land she now lives on untill her Son Benjamin STRATOR comes of Lawfull age, then all the Land on the lower side of the Branch that runs through the field it is my Will & desire that he Should have Possession off & all above the said Branch my said Daughter to keep Possession of During her Life, If she continues to live on it, But If She removes from it She is then to give up all claim to it. I also Lend to her till her Son Benjamin STRATOR arives to Lawfull age the three above Negroes; arnold Selah & Howel, and it is also further my Will & Desire that in case her Son Benjamin STRATOR Should Die before he hath a Lawfull Heir that all the property hereafter in this Will be-queathed to him except the negro woman Selah Should return to my Daughter Patsey STRATOR & then be Vested in her & her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson Benjamin STRATOR provided he lives to the age of twenty one years, all the Lands I purchased of Jonas WILLIAMS whereon his mother now Lives, also Negroes Arnold & Howel excepted as is reserved for his Mother Patsey STRATOR above, now Should he arrive at Lawfull age, or have a Lawfull Heir of his body, I give it to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson Benjamin STRATOR a Negro woman after he arrives to Lawfull age or Should his mother die before that time, when ever She dies named Selah, to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.





Item I give & bequeath to my (Son Inlaw James STANTON three Negroes, Viz. Tom, Isaac & Nance, which I have already possessed him with. Also on condition he furnish my wife with a comfortable House during the time she remainins my widow I give him one thousand Dollars to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Fanny BECTON two hundred Dollars together with all the property I have already possessed her with to her & her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth ROGERS one hundred Dollars to be laid out by my Executors for Cloathing for herself & Daughter. And all the Lands & negroes I have possessed her with, to her & her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Polley VINES, one hundred Dollars together with all the Lands Negroes & other property I have possessed her with, to her & her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Cleary JOYNER, one hundred Dollars, together with all the Lands & Negroes & other property I have already possessed her with, to her & her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson Benjamin JOYNER one negro Girl named Setta, to him & his Heirs forever, which said Girl is at present with his Father as a nurse but not considered as put in his possession for himself or his wife

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Delitha McKINNE, one hundred Dollars, all the Negroes & other property I have already possessed her with together with eight hundred Dollars to her & her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson Benjamin MAY Son of John MAY, the whole of the Lands I Bought of John QUIN Margaret PERMENTER & Nathaniel PERMENTER lying in Egdecombe County, two Negro Boys Viz Dandee & Sam that I bought of Little Berry MAY, one year old Colt a Ratler, saddle & Bridle four Cows & Calves, one feather bed & furniture & fifty Dollars in money, to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Nancy MAY (Daughter of Benjamin MAY, one negro Girl Called Bet one neat womans saddle to her & her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Gran Daughter Alla VINES one hundred & forty Dollars to purchase a Negro Girl If I do not give her one before my Decease to her & her Heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson Benjamin STANTON, a Negro Boy Simon which his Father hath in possession to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson Irwin Peterson STANTON, a Negro Girl named Purity to him & his Heirs & assigns forever.

Item It is my Will & Desire that after all Legacies are paid which are herein directed the whole remainder of my property to be equally Divided among my children herein after named Viz Benjamin, Patsey, Salley, Fanny, William, Polley, Cleary, James & Delitha to them & their Heirs & assigns forever— And finally I do nominate Constitute & appoint my Sons, Benjamin MAY William MAY & James MAY Executors to this my last Will and Testament, In Witness I have hereunto set my hand & seal the \_\_\_ day of one thousand eight hundred & five.

Benja MAY {Seal}

Lemuel DeBERRY

(illegible name) A True Copy



### WILL OF HUGH TINGLE, OF CRAVEN COUNTY

Will located in Craven County Wills, C. R. 028. 801. 31, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Sammy Anson Pierce.

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Craven County In the Name of God amen. I Hugh TINGLE of Craven County in the Province of North Carolina Yeoman Being antient and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks to God for it calling to mind the imortality of mans Body as knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die: Do make make ordain and Constitute this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following Viz) Principally and first of all that I Recomend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it : my Body to the



earth to be buried in a Christian manner, at the Discretion of my Exer. hereafter named: And as touching Such worldly Goods as it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this life I Give Devise and Dispose of in the maner and form following—

Imp I Give and Bequeath to my eldest Son Hugh TINGLE my Negroe boy Named Dick to gether with all the mony that is Due to me in his hands by him to frely possessed and enjoyed and his heirs for ever it being his full part portion of all my Estate Real and personal and that he Shall have no Claim to any other part whatsoever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Joseph a Negroe Garl Named Jenny by him to be fully and enjoyed and his heirs for ever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my two Sons Viz James & Jacob all my Rite title and property to a tract of Land that I purchased of Elsha [the ha was crossed through] COX patented by Natll DRAPER on the North Side of Bay River with all the appertenances or otherwise that which I Receive of Capt Natll DRAPER in the Enchange there of with its appertenance by them Equally Divided James Having his first Choice by them to be fully & frely to be possessed and enjoyed and their heirs for ever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Rachel a Negroe Boy Named Milbee by her to be possessed and enjoyed and her heirs of her body for ever but and if the Said Rachel Should die Leaving no heirs of her body that then the Said Negroe Shall be Sold at publick Sale the produce to be Equally Divided among my other Children

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Gideon the Plantation and Tract of Land whereon I now live with with fifty acres of Land of a new pattent adjoining at thare North end thereof with all their priviledges and appertenances and also a Negroe Wench Named Lilly a Negro Lad Named Titus a Negro Lad Named Hary and also a Still a Small trumpet m<sup>u</sup>zle Gun and all my working Tools of all Sorts by him to be fully and frely possessed and enjoyed for ever and his heirs. and in Like manera pair of Cullein Hand mill Sones

Item the Remaining part of all my personal Estates Goods Chattles and Credits I Leave to be Equally Divided among all my Sons and Daughters Hugh only Excepted & that it be Divided by two men Chosen by the Exrs

Lastly I do make ordain and Constitute my two Sons (Viz Joseph and Gideon Joint and Coequal Executors of this my Last Will and Testament: I hereby utterly Revoking Disanuling and Disallowing all and every Will or Wills Jointers Dowries Legacies or Bequeaths Whatsoever by me in any wise heretofore made Willing and Bequeathing Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament

Signed Seal:d and Deivered Published pronounced and Declared by the Said Hugh TINGLE to be his last Will and Testament this tenth Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four—

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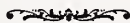
Hugh (his H mark) TINGLE

Ja WILCOCKS Sr

Samll (his H mark) HALL

Joseph HALL

North Carolina) Joly Craven Inferior Court 1765 Present his Majesties Justices then was the above Craven County) Last Will and Testament of Hugh TINGLE proved in Open Court Agreeable to Law by the Oath of James WILLCOCKS a Subscribing Evidence thereto and Ordered to be Registered



### WILL OF ROBERT FORBES, 1845

Will located in Pitt County Wills and Testaments, #1, Clerk of Court office, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

In the name of God Amen, I Robert FORBES of the State of North Carolina & County of Pitt being of Sound & perfect mind & memory blessed God, do this the Second day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, do make & publish this my last will and Testament in manner following, that is to Say,

First. 1 I loan unto my beloved wife Gracy all my lands Containing three hundred and twenty Six acres during her natural life.





- Item 2 I lend also to my beloved wife two Negroes Netty & George during her natural life
- Item 3 I give unto my beloved wife all my feather beds except one with the household and Kitchen furniture
- Item 4 I give unto my beloved wife all the Crop made on my home plantation with four fodder Stacks made on the FOREMAN Plantation, also my farming tools
- Item 5 I lend to my beloved wife all my Stock of Cattle Sheep during her natural life. I give also unto my beloved wife four Choice Sows and h \_\_\_\_\_[torn]
- Item 6 I loan to my beloved wife also two of the Choice horses of my \_\_\_\_\_[torn]  
I give to my wife also two thousand pounds of Pork, also in \_\_\_\_\_[torn] the offeshel Corn at the FOREMAN plantation.
- Item 7 I give unto my, four youngest Sons, I Say Alfred, Robert, \_\_\_\_\_[torn] and Silus all in an equal division all the real & personal prope \_\_\_\_\_[torn] to my wife at her, deced.
- Item 8 I give unto my Daughter Luncy one feather bed & furniture and one Side Saddle.
- Item 9 I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth WORTHINGTON one Negro Girl named Aggy.
- Item 10 I give unto my Son John one young horse forty Barrels of Corn, three Stacks of fodder three hundred pounds of pork—
- Item 11 I give unto my Son Jas H. FORBES one young horse forty Barrels of Corn three Stacks of fodder
- Item 12 I give unto my Sons John & Jas H & Luncy five negroes— Anna Keny— Sarah— Cater— William— to be divided equally among the three also all my Corn fodder at the FOREMAN plantation, not given in my Will and my Pork Sold and advanced to paying my just debts, one horse also to be Sold.
- Item 13 It is my Will & desire the money over paying my Just Debts to be equally divided between my Daughter Elizabeth WEATHINGTON & my four youngest Sons Alfred— Robert— Archibald— and Silus—
- Item 14 I give unto my two Sons Alfred & Robert my two riding Saddles
- Item 15 I give unto my beloved wife thirteen Bushels of Seed Peas, I do make and ordain this my las Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I the Said Robert FORBES have Set my hand & Seal the day & date above written
- Assigned presence of  
Theophilus SLAUGHTER  
Noah FORBES
- Robert FORBES {Seal}

**Services for C. L. LITTLE**  
(*Daily Reflector*, Sat., Jan. 29, 1927)

C. L. LITTLE, 79, native Pitt Countian, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. S. STOKES near Winterville on Thursday morning and his funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church of which the deceased was a member. The services were conducted by Rev. W. B. NOBLES, Rev. M. A. WOODWARD and Rev. R. F. PITTMAN of Ayden and the music was rendered by the male quartette of the Eureka College at Ayden. Interment followed in the Reedy Branch churchyard. Mr. LITTLE was ill about one week. He was one of the county's oldest and esteemed citizens. He was a faithful layman of the Free Will Baptist Church and known for his strong Christian character. The largely attended funeral and beautiful floral offerings attested the esteem in which he was held. He is survived by two sons, R. L. LITTLE, of Grimesland and Ed LITTLE of Goldsboro, and two daughters, Mrs. L. M. STOCKS and Mrs. R. S. STOCKS, of near Winterville and two sisters, Mrs. Alice VINCENT of Greenville and Mrs. Bettie BARBER of Winterville.

**Mrs. Sallie D. KNOX Dead**  
(*Eastern Reflector*, Wed., Aug. 24, 1887)

Died in Bethel Aug. 24th, 1887, Mrs. Sallie D. KNOX, wife of W. A. KNOX in the 23rd year of her age. She was the beloved daughter of Staton and Lizzie WHICHARD, and had been married only 1 year and 27 days. Previous to her last illness she had been a sufferer for several years. She bore the malady that took her to her home with patience and meekness akin to godliness. All was done that could be done by her physician and friends to save her from the grim monster; but alas to no avail. She leaves an aged mother, a husband, one brother, four sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss.





# BIBLE RECORDS



## PERKINS BIBLE

This bible previously appeared on the internet in *Somebody's Links Newsletter*: "Genealogical Treasures Found"; Vol. 1, No. 1, December 1, 1999. (c) Julia M. Case <juliecase@prodigy.net>  
According to Ronald F. Nixon, of Austin, Tx. <RNIXON@prodigy.net> "I recently rescued a Perkins bible from an antique shop in San Marcus, Texas. At first I thought this line might tie into mine. Unfortunately for me it does not. Now I'm trying to find a direct descendant so the bible can be returned to the proper family. Listed below are the entries in the bible [dates and location of events concerning those presumed still living have been omitted]."

Clarence Perkins and Eva Johnson were married July 8th 1879.

Susan P. Perkins and T. J. Swanner were married July 20th 1884.

Maria Alvida (not sure about middle name) Perkins was married to Prof. J. H. Peacock of S. A., Texas on June 15th 1899.

Walter Robert Perkins was married to Edith Williams on the 19th of June 1907.

Maury J. Perkins was married to Esuina (very difficult to read) Masser Oct 20th 1915.

Clarence W. Perkins, Jr. was married to Margaret Lucy Morris at Glendale, California, on February 18th, 1932.

Maria Louise daughter of Washington and Harriet Perkins was born January 6th 1844.

Camillus Ruffin son of Washington and Harriet Perkins was born October 10th 1845.

Fannie May daughter of Washington and Harriet Perkins was born October 22th 1847.

Eugene Williams son of Washington and Harriet Perkins was born February 12th 1850

Clarence Washington son of Washington and Harriet Perkins was born December 15th 1853, Born of the spirit Aug 25 - 1876

Susan Penelope daughter of Washington and Harriet Perkins was born February 4th 1857.

Maria Alwedo(?) daughter of Clarence and Eva Perkins was born June 23rd 1879.

Robert Walter son of Clarence and Eva Perkins was born Dec 16th 1881.

Eugene William son of Clarence and Eva Perkins was born Sept. 17th 1886.

Harriet Louise daughter of Clarence and Eva Perkins was born August 16th 1889.

Camillus Ruffin son of Washington and Harriet Perkins died October 8th 1846.

Fannie R. Buck died April 5 1863.

Washington R. Perkins died November 15, 1870.

Urvin H. Buck died November 21, 1870.

Harriet E. Perkins died January 3rd 1877.

Eugene W. Perkins died august 9th 1875.

Eugene William son of Clarence and Eva Perkins died Sept. 17th 1884.

Susan Penelope Swanner daughter of Washington and Harriet Perkins died Oct 21 1884.

Harriet Louise daughter of Clarence and Eva Perkins died Nov 14th 1887.

Fannie M. Harvey daughter of Washington R. and Harriet E. Perkins died Aug 29th 1881.

Maria Louise Stokes daughter of Harriet E. Perkins and W. R. Perkins died Nov 8th 1898.

Martha Evaline Perkins died Nov 16th 1933.

Clarence W. Perkins son of Clarence and Eva Perkins was born Sept 21st 1888.

Maury J. Perkins son of Clarence and Eva Perkins was born Oct 22, 1888.

Margaret Clare Perkins born to Clarence W. Perkins, Jr. and wife Margaret Lucy Perkins . . .

Margaret Clare Perkins married John Thomas Rutliff(?) (Jack) JR . . .

John Thomas Rutliff II born . . .

Daniel Perkins Rutliff born . . .

Benjamin Roark Rutliff born . . .

C. W. Perkins died [no date given]

Walter Robert Perkins died July 3, 1943.





## TRAVIS FAMILY BIBLE

The following is taken from a typewritten copy of T. C. Carter's Family Bible owned in 1936 by Mrs. Andre Clemandot of Shannon, Mississippi. The record is found in Mississippi GRC, 1936, SI-V12, DAR Library, Washington, DC. It appears the dates were taken from two different bibles. William Travis was once the pastor of Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church near Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Lidia Travis, daughter of William Travis and Abigail Denmark his wife, was born March 29th day, 1754.  
 Gideon Travis was born January 18th day, 1761.  
 Amos Travis was born June 11th day, 1763.  
 Dolly Travis was born July 25th, 1765, on Tuesday morning at sunrise.  
 Simeon Travis was born January 17th, day, 1770, on Tuesday morning two hours before day in a great snow storm.

The following was copied from the old family Bible of Simeon Travis, handed down through the family of Ezekiel Travis, son of Simeon Travis:

On fly leaf: "Simeon Travis' book, bought in Savannah, September 26, 1797."

From the family record in said Bible, the following is copied:

Simeon Travis was born January 17th day, 1770.

Nancy Travis and Jonathan Granberry were married the 16th day of November, 1815.

Mary Stafford was born was born 22nd day of May, 1774. (perhaps afterwards the wife of Simeon Travis)

Ezekiel Travis was born August the 25, 1794, on Monday night about midnight.

Rhoda Travis was born August the 20th day, 1796, on Saturday about 8 o'clock in the morning.

Ann Travis was born November the 10th day on Monday evening about dark 1800.

Elizabeth Travis was born May 22, on Monday 6 o'clock in the evening 1815 and died November 20, 1820.

James Travis was born November 16, 1831. Son of Ezekiel and buried in Shady Grove Cemetery, Heidelberg, Miss.



## JONAS W. MAY BIBLE

The following is taken from a typewritten copy of Sarah Ann Watson May McCordle Family Bible, copied by her great granddaughter Martha Virginia Ellzey in 1937. Jonas W. May, Sr. was listed as a patroller on July 1, 1775 in Pitt County. The record is found in Mississippi GRC, 1937, SI-V17, DAR Library, Washington, DC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Jonas W. May Sr. was born in the year of our Lord 1756

Benjamin May born Dec. 19, 1776

Anna A. Adams May his wife born July 3, 1777

Jonas W. May son of Jonas May Sr. born Jan. 18, 1779

Sarah (Ann) Watson May his wife born Nov. 18, 1790 (or 1795 record dim)

Priscilla Page born May 17, 1781

Joseph May born Jan. 15, 1784

Mary Coston May born July 6, 1786

Samuel May born Dec. 7, 1789

Elizabeth Hetton born Feb. 4, 1793

Nancy Adams born Aug. 3, 1798 (neice of Anna Adams May)

Kinchen May born Feb. 4, 1801

Nancy May born Sept. 6, 1801

George D. Browning born Jan. 16, 1812

Temperance May born Dec. 5, 1816

J. A. May born Aug. 3, 1814





Benjamin May born Dec. 5, 1818  
 William R. May (2nd husband of Temperance May Browning)  
 Martha Ann Browning born Dec. 31, 1835  
 George Wesley Browning born March 5, 1838  
 James Brantley Payne May born Jan. 21, 1842  
 Philip May born May 31, 1849  
 Wm. Watson Hall May born Sept. 17, 1844  
 Sarah Ann Long May born Oct. 15, 1843  
 Ashley Simes May born Jan. 22, 1847  
 Henrietta May born March 27, 1852  
 Virginia Adelia May born Aug. 11, 1854  
 Pleasant J. May born 1856  
 Henry Joseph Carbrey born Jan. 7, 1884

#### Deaths

Jonas W. May Sr. died Dec. 19, 1821  
 Ann May, his wife died Apr. 29, 1822  
 Samuel May departed this life May 1st 1822  
 Jonas W. May Jr. died Oct. 27, 1835  
 Sarah May McCordle died in Montgomery Ala. 1846  
 George D. Browning departed this life July 31, 1838  
 Martha N. May 1st. consort of Wm. R. May died in the year of our Lord, May 20th buried in Macon, Ga. 1834  
 Nancy May Bowen died Oct 18, 1836  
 Mary Casten died Oct. 18, 1836  
 Martha L. May 2nd. consort of Wm. R. May died in the year of our Lord Aug. 11, buried in Talbotton, Ga. 1840  
 Sarah Ann L May died Nov. 6, age 22 days 1843  
 Geo. W. J Browning died Aug. 29, 1853  
 Philip May departed this life Sept. 7, age 25 years 1874  
 Ashley Simes May died at Montgomery Ala. May 1848  
 Jennie (Virginia) Adelia Rogers died Oct. 19, 1888  
 Henerietta May Carbrey died Nov. 1894  
 Laura Virginia Abright departed this life Aug. 3, 1876  
 J. L. Abright died May 18, 1892



#### McG. DAVENPORT BIBLE

The Holy Bible, copyright July 1, 1886, by B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va. Transcribed from photocopies of the original bible contributed by Don L. Cooper, Nashville, NC.

Presented to Mack G. Deavenport and Amanda E. Deavenport BY B. F. Johnson Co. In the yare of 1895

THIS CERTIFIES that Mc. G. Deavenport of Pitt Co. N. Carolina and Amanda E Carson of Martin Co. N Carolina JOINED TOGETHER BY ME IN THE BONDS OF MATRIMONY At Thomas D. Carson on the 20 day of Febuary in the year of our Lord 1868

In Presence of thes Witnesses Signed

Henry D. Robberson Sq

J. D. Bryan

W. H. Britton

#### Births

Mc. G. Deavenport was Bornd April. the 26. 1.8.42  
 Amanda. E. Deavenport was Bornd July the 24. 1.8.43  
 Thomas. C. E. Deavenport was Bornd February the 1, 1869



Lydia. A. A. Deavenport was Born February the 4. 1.8.71  
 Marey. L. E. Deavenport was Born March. the 12 1.8.73  
 Fannie. Dora. Deavenport was Born June the 19 1.8.76  
 Alice. S. R. Deavenport was Born October the 4 1.8.78  
 Joseph. M. H. Deavenport was Born May the 4 1.8.82  
 Effie. C. Deavenport was Born February the 14 1.8.86  
 McG Davenport Jr was Born July the 30, 1898  
 Matilda J. Davenport was Born June the 27, 1860  
 Ralph. Davenport was Born January 21, 19.07  
 Varnie Bell Davenport was Born Nov 26 1909  
 Carrie Dell Davenport was Born Dec the 8 19.11  
 Grady Hoyle Davenport was Born January the 13 19.14  
 Marvin Davenport was Born Dec the 7 19 20  
 Joseph Raymond Davenport was Born Sept the 9. 19.22  
 C A Davenport Born March 17 1885 was Born March 17 1885  
 Hellen Moore Davenport.—July 11, 1927  
 Mary Ann Davenport was born (recent date)  
 Grady Hoyle Davenport was born (recent date)  
 Glenna Kathryn Davenport was born (recent date)  
 Virginia Beth Davenport was born (recent date)  
 Irvin Bruce Davenport was born (recent date)  
 Melrose Fleming Davenport was born (recent date)  
 Emilie Marie Cornish was born (recent date)  
 Geoffrey Shaun Cornish was born (recent date)  
 Jillian Elizabeth Davenport was born (recent date)

#### Marriages

Mc. G. Deavenport was married the Second time to Mis Matilda. J. Gurganus December the 23—1.8.96 in  
 Washington Co. N. C  
 Joseph Hoyle Davenport was married to Carrie Ann Moore — Dec. 21, 1905  
 Carrie Dell Davenport was married to Dan Fagan (recent date)  
 Varnia Bell Davenport was married to Kenneth Frederick Woolard (recent date)  
 Grady Hoyle Davenport was married to Bruce Mae Modlin (recent date)  
 Joseph Raymond Davenport was married to Helen Virginia Longmire (recent date)  
 Helen Moore Davenport was married to Woodford Randolph Middleton, Jr. (recent date)  
 Mary Ann Davenport was married to Ronald Joe Cornish (recent date)  
 Virginia Beth Davenport was married to Benjamin Edward Saunders (recent date)  
 Glenna Kathryn Davenport was married to Thomas Ross Cook (recent date)  
 Grady Hoyle Davenport, Jr. was married to Sandra Deane Williams (recent date)

#### Deaths

Mrs Amanda E. Deavenport Died Sept the 3— 1.8.95  
 Mrs Mary. L. E. Manning Died. June the 23.— 1.8.94  
 Bettie Baby Lydel. V. Manning Died. July the 29—1.8.94  
 Mc. G. Deavenport Died December 10, 1937  
 Joseph Hoyle Davenport Mar. 7, 1970  
 Carrie Ann Davenport died Aug. 1, 1965  
 Marvin Davenport died Oct. 31, 1921  
 Irvin Ralph Davenport





# QUERIES

Seeking information on William HADDOCK, who died ca. 1824 in Pitt County. When and where was he born and who were his parents? When and where did he marry Martha and what is her ancestry? They had eight known children, one being Kisiah HADDOCK who married Benjamin SUTTON.

—Charlene Strode MONTGOMERY; W7289 Becherer Dr., Minong, WI 54859-9208 (715-466-4842)

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Looking for the parents of Augustus Forbes EVANS (1843–1917) and wife Mary Della FORBES (1830–1897).

—Bob FORBES; 8023 Newtown Rd., Waxhaw, NC 28173-9398 (704-243-2299) <bkforbes@aol.com>

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Pitt Co. Revolutionary War soldier, Lt. Arthur FORBES, Sr.'s father was John FORBES. Seeking names of John FORBES wife or wives. His second? wife was named SHANNON or SHANNONHOUSE? A John SHANNON died in Pitt Co. in 1764, was he kin?

—J. A. L. MILLER; 7912 Harris Hill Lane, Apt. H, Charlotte, NC 25269-0704 (704-549-5666)

<JALMILLERjr@att.net>

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Searching for information about the parents and grandparents of Mary A. STOCKS, b. Jan. 15, 1863 in Pitt Co., NC. I have an Asa STOCKS, b. ca. 1837 as her father and Louisa STOCKS, b. ca. 1828 as her mother. Grandparents are listed as Amos STOCKS, b. ca. 1817 and his wife, Ciddy, b. ca. 1818.

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Who were the parents of Mary Penelope HILL (1713-1786), who married in 1729 to James THIGPEN, IV? They lived at Penny Hill, Pitt County.

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I am searching for the parents of Thomas BELL, b. ca. 1828 and his wife, Henrietta NORRIS b. ca. 1835. They were married in 1850 and lived in Belvoir Twsp., Pitt Co. where they had 14 children.

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I am seeking information on the CAMPBELL, HUDSON and ARNOLD families. James Edward CAMPBELL (1847–1889) md. in 1880 to Sarah (Sallie) Jane HUDSON (1864–1908). Sarah was the dau. of Harvey C. HUDSON and Sally ARNOLD. James Edward CAMPBELL lived in Pitt County and after his death, Sarah moved to Edgecombe County, NC. Their children were: James Walter CAMPBELL, George Freamon CAMPBELL, Liza CAMPBELL, Maggie CAMPBELL, and Edna CAMPBELL.

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I am looking for the surname of Mary G., b. ca. 1795, d. ca. 1852, who md. ca. 1822 to W. L. B. PEARCE. Their children were: William, Sarah Elizabeth, Blount and Martha PEARCE.

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I am seeking the ancestry of John Thomas JONES (1830–1911). I have found him living in both Pitt and Martin Counties. He is found living in Pitt Co. in the 1910 census, but I cannot find his grave. I have been told that he died in Greene Co., NC on the old DIXON farm and that he was buried at Chocowinity, NC. John's first wife Mary died between 1880-1890. They had the following known children: Lawrence, Mary, William, Sylvester, Mandy, Thadeus and David.

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